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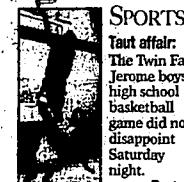
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WENDELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Eighth-grader and Wendell Middle School student body vice president Tyson Schoessler stands in front of his former middle school, now condemned. Wendell's eighth-graders are being transported by bus to Gooding to the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind for their core classes.

LOGAN CASTOR/The Times-News

Meet 11 people at the heart of the Magic Valley's hottest issues — from water rights to health care to livestock operations.

As part of The Times-News' year-end coverage, staff writers caught up with people in the middle of the issues.

Some faces and names are familiar. Some are not. But all are involved in issues worth watching in 2001.

Tyson Schoessler: Going to school when school is closed

WENDELL — Eighth-grader Tyson Schoessler continues to get an education despite not really having a school.

Wendell Middle School hasn't had room for its more than 200 students since February, when a crumbling foundation closed its main building.

Schoessler, 13, rides the morning bus to Gooding for school in a rented classroom at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind. His dad ends in stop class in Wendell.

Each class spends about three months on the Gooding rotation, while the others squeeze into open buildings at the middle school campus. Some electives are held at the high school — and that's

where middle schoolers can find their library.

Students have no lockers, and no place on campus for activities.

"It's kind of hard on everybody, because we don't have a gym. There's a lot of things we can't do," Schoessler said.

But overall, the student body vice president thinks his fellow students are handling it well.

The closure catapulted Wendell into a statewide debate, still unresolved into the new year, over the state's role in school construction funding.

Locally, the issue also remains in flux. On Oct. 24, a \$6.1 million bond issue fell just 67 votes short of the two-thirds majority required by state law. The money would have built a new school.

— Jennifer Sandmann



Rose Vaughn says law enforcement is a job she "fell into," but says she is loving every minute of it. With turnover high in many departments, the Magic Valley could use a lot of new faces in uniform in 2001.

Rose Vaughn: Rookie deputy

has no doubts about new career

JEROME — The rapid turnover in the Jerome and Twin Falls county sheriff's departments became a big issue during the 2000 sheriff's elections.

But new deputy Rose Vaughn doesn't plan on leaving anytime soon.

"I'm really enjoying myself. The learning experience has been huge," said Vaughn, who lives in Richfield with her husband.

After working for years as a firefighter and emergency medical technician, Vaughn, 34, took a detour into radio advertising. When she had a chance to join the Jerome County Sheriff's Office about three months ago, she didn't hesitate.

She has no regrets her new career path.

"I find law enforcement to be the most challenging," she said.

Equally challenging, for law enforcement agencies, is hanging onto experienced officers. Officials say the turnover is costly yet inevitable, as deputies move on to better-paying jobs elsewhere.

Vaughn said she's well aware of the number of personnel changes in the department, since Sheriff Jim Weaver took office in 1997. But it doesn't bother her.

"You really have to believe in who you work for, and I believe in Jim Weaver," she said. "In a life-threatening job, you just have to trust the chain of command and the people you work with."

— Mark Heinz

Ed White: 'Old corporate America' approach can address new worker shortage

TWIN FALLS — In the Magic

Valley's labor market, it's tough to find people who want to work night shifts and weekends to make French fries around the clock.

Economic-development experts argue the valley's low unemployment shouldn't deter new employers who offer decent wages and benefits, but the Magic Valley has a shortage of workers with certain skills.

So when a north Idaho sawmill's closure this fall put hundreds out of work, Twin Falls potato-processing executive Ed White went recruiting in Clearwater County. A Twin Falls cheese maker and a Jerome plastics plant followed suit.

White, operations manager at Lamb Weston Inc.'s Twin Falls plant, filled about two dozen positions with former sawmill workers and loggers, and he helped some of the families settle into Magic Valley life.

Concerned unemployment in Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties in August was the lowest for any time of year since the state started its current record-keeping methods in 1978.

Twin Falls County's jobless rate has risen a few notches since then, but it's still low enough to motivate worker-retention programs at the spud plant — discounts at local businesses, and bring-along-the-family functions with bowling, swimming or planetarium shows. White doesn't want 2001 to bring a slew of new openings to fill.

Instead, he is "bringing old corporate America back into our business, where we truly care about their families."

— Virginia S. Hutchins
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Fogged in

Magic Valley's gray weather might persist

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — New Year's 2001 is looking to be a 2000 repeat weatherwise.

Thick fog has settled in the valley again this year, for what the National Weather Service says could be at least a week's stay.

The fog stopped morning air traffic in Twin Falls on both Friday and Saturday, said Hydie Sweet, a supervisor for Skywest Airlines at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. Afternoon flights continued to operate. The

airlines has been rescheduling departure times for its passengers.

"We're doing our best to re-book them on flights," Sweet said.

The airport actually was open earlier Saturday morning, but flights from Salt Lake City were grounded because of fog, she said. But once the Salt Lake City airport was able to open, the fog had settled in at the Twin Falls airport, closing it down until noon.

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New Year's Eve may be more about reflection

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — A year ago, Rob Rubin, 28, eagerly anticipated New Year's Eve. He attended a posh soiree at a downtown condo, complete with an open bar, live music and a post-midnight meal.

Though Rubin is young, single and successful, this time around he's opting for something considerably more low-key: a quiet evening with his girlfriend, a video and a pizza.

"I thought about going out, but it just felt like one big hassle," said Rubin, vice president of CMI, a Skokie, Ill.-based distribution company. "Everything is just so expensive and crowded. When I thought about trying to get a cab in the cold, it just seemed easier to stay home."

What a difference a year makes. No matter how harsh the weather, the temperature of New Year's Eve 2000 is considerably chillier than 12 months ago. While the Y2K jitters kept many at the office or at home, the hype

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Gov. Dirk Kempthorne reads a quote from Jack Hemingway's book, "Misadventures of a Fly Fisherman," during a memorial in Hemingway's honor Saturday in Sun Valley.



With unemployment low, Ed White sometimes has to recruit workers from wherever he can, including north Idaho, where a sagging timber industry has left an idle work force.

'A life worth living'
Friends gather to remember Jack Hemingway

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Unknowingly, Jack Hemingway might have memorialized himself, with a book he completed shortly before his death.

The book was titled "A Life

Worth Living.

The 300 or so people who attended a memorial service Saturday celebrated Jack Hemingway's life. Speakers remembered the son of famed author Ernest Hemingway with a series of tributes and

told tales of his love for fly fishing and his devotion to preserving the environment.

Jack Hemingway, 77, died Dec. 2 in New York City following emergency heart surgery. He was the oldest of three sons of Ernest Hemingway. Please see HEMINGWAY, Page A2



KRISTER BRATZ/The Times-News

Snow chokes travel in Northeast

The Associated Press

A record snowstorm, the Northeast's first major nor'easter in five years, swept up the East Coast on Saturday, dumping more than two feet of snow in New Jersey, shutting down every major airport in the New York City area and forcing Philadelphia to declare a snow emergency.

Hundreds of flights were canceled across the region, train and bus service was halted and motorists were slowed to a crawl. Fleets of snowplows were sent out to battle the white, wet deluge, and New York called out some National Guard troops to help.

"It's too dangerous, people's lives are at stake," bus driver James McCullum said after a harrowing trip into New York City from Montclair, N.J. He got stuck

behind another skidding bus on the ramp into the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Manhattan and his 11 passengers got out and hopped it.

Others chose to see the brighter side.

"You don't hear a sound in the world," said Jeffrey Greene, 56, of Merion, Pa., as he walked a mile to his synagogue. "There's nothing quite like a walk in the morning with a new snow. The world seems so pure, so beautiful."

In many ways, it was a day best enjoyed by children. Seventy-five youngsters flocked to a small hill in Linwood, N.J., to fly down on sleds and toboggans.

"Even though it's not that big of a hill, it's still pretty slippery-slidey," said 14-year-old Lisa Grossman.

As much as 25 inches of snow

had fallen by mid-afternoon at Randolph in central New Jersey's Morris County, and more than a half-foot accumulated in parts of eastern Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

State police in western Massachusetts reported near whiteout conditions there by Saturday afternoon.

The region's last big storm was on Jan. 7, 1996, when 19 inches of snow fell on New York City. Last winter, the city got a mere 13 inches for the whole season.

The central East Coast escaped the expected brunt of Saturday's storm because it developed farther north and east than forecast. The morning sky was clear in Washington and Harrisburg, Pa., while snow extended from southern New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania to the southern tip

of Maine.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani discounted any speculation that the weather might cancel the New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square. "Although it's cold, it's not unbearable," he told reporters.

Philadelphia Mayor John Street declared a snow emergency, meaning only emergency vehicles were allowed downtown.

New York Gov. George Pataki activated 180 National Guard troops with 26 vehicles to help in southeastern New York.

"You can't see any of the runways, it's completely white," would-be traveler Kristin Foschi said from a terminal at New York's LaGuardia airport. "By the time a plane completes a circle, it's covered again. It's really quite entertaining."

Welfare reform trailblazer heads to Health, Human cabinet spot

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tommy Thompson led Wisconsin on the nation's boldest — and some say riskiest — welfare experiment, dramatically driving down caseloads by insisting everyone should work, and building a national reputation on one of the nation's hottest, but thorniest issues.

Now the 14-year effort has landed the Republican governor as President-elect Bush's choice for secretary of Health and Human Services, where he is poised to oversee national welfare policy.

"For 10 years he's been a leader in welfare policy," said Judy Gearon, president of Manpower Demonstration Research Corp., a leading welfare research firm. "He's an out-of-the-box thinker."

"More than any other state, Thompson's Wisconsin fundamentally changed the way government aids its poorest citizens — writing and strictly enforcing rules that make it rough to qualify for and keep welfare."

But while some Republicans talked about welfare reform as a way to save tax dollars, Thompson emphasized the need to spend more to eliminate barriers to single parents coming off the rolls. That meant more for child care, health coverage and even transportation.

Wisconsin is not alone. Nationally, there's been a sea change in welfare policy. Education, training and a guarantee that the poorest Americans get at least a small government check have been replaced with work requirements and a limit on how long anyone stays on the rolls.

But Wisconsin experimented earlier, imposed stricter rules and saw its welfare caseloads fall faster than almost anyone thought possible.

It has advocates for the poor worried. They report anecdotal evidence of increased homelessness and demand at food pantries and worry about what will happen when the economy sours. And they fear some people have such entrenched problems as mental illness, a sick relative, drug addiction — they may never be able to support themselves.

"There really is no safety net in place for those people who end up failing in the work world," said Bob Jacobson of the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families.

But they don't dispute the numbers. When Thompson first ran for governor in 1986 — campaigning on welfare — there were more than 98,000 families on assistance. Now there's just over 15,000, a drop of 83 percent.

Thompson's campaign message in 1986 was simple — Wisconsin had become a "welfare magnet" with benefits so high it was attracting poor from other states.

His ideas got bolder after he won, as he embarked on a series of small-scale experiments that began eating away at the notion of welfare as entitlement.

"Learnfare" reduced checks of parents whose children skipped school. "Children First" required fathers to participate in a work program if they failed to pay child support. "Bridefare" tried to get teen parents to marry, paying them extra if they tied the knot.

A two-tier payment system discouraged those "welfare magnets" by paying new residents what they would have gotten in

PROFILE Tommy George Thompson

President-elect Bush on Friday chose Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson to become secretary of health and human services. He is the nation's longest-serving Republican governor.

Age: 59; born Nov. 19, 1941.

Education: B.A., political science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1963; J.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1966.

Experience: Lawyer; U.S. Army Reservist, 1966-76; Wisconsin Assembly, 1967-87; assistant minority leader, Wisconsin Assembly, 1981-87; governor, 1987-present.

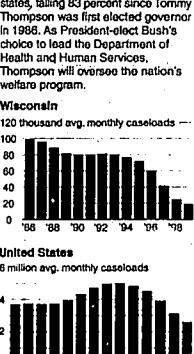
Family: Wife, Sue Ann; three children; one grandchild.

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

Declining welfare

Welfare caseloads have fallen across the country but they've dropped faster and further in Wisconsin than most states, falling 63 percent since Tommy Thompson became the first elected governor in 1986. As President-elect Bush's choice to lead the Department of Health and Human Services, Thompson will oversee the nation's welfare program.

Wisconsin



Source: Department of Health and Human Services

their former states.

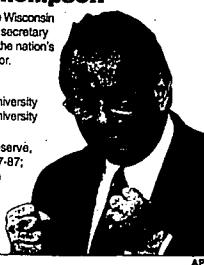
And he forced county governments to compete with private corporations to run welfare programs.

"Every year he would roll out a new imaginative approach," said Jason Turner, Thompson's top welfare policy aide in the mid-1990s. "They built on one another, one change after the next."

The caseloads began dropping, though analysis found the booming economy deserved virtually all of the credit, said John Pawasarat of the University of Wisconsin, who has studied the state's welfare reforms.

"We call it symbolic legislation," Pawasarat said.

But Thompson proved welfare could be a political winner, both within Wisconsin, where he was re-elected an unprecedented



AP

three times, and on the national stage, where he built a reputation as a reformer.

"Thompson was the first governor to prove in a convincing manner that you could win on this issue," said Larry Mead, a New York University political scientist who is finishing a book on welfare reform in Wisconsin.

And his innovations — and the public support they enjoyed — helped keep liberal opponents off balance.

In 1993, three years before President Clinton would sign a national overhaul, Thompson proposed his biggest experiment yet. "Two years and you're out!" was his mantra. Participants would be required to work from the start.

Thompson suggested experimenting in two small, rural counties. Frustrated Democrats upped the ante, approving legislation that eliminated welfare altogether — without suggesting a replacement.

Some hoped to embarrass Thompson into a veto. A top welfare official dismissed the legislation and predicted it would be vetoed.

Thompson surprised them all, and signed the bill.

The governor correctly perceived it as an opportunity that would never come his way again — to radically reshape welfare, Turner said.

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NASA double-teams Jupiter, releases audio

Los Angeles Times

PASADENA, Calif. — A spacecraft that was supposed to die a natural death in 1997 is now being joined at the planet Jupiter by a newer craft, unexpectedly giving scientists the chance to "double team" the giant gas planet, officials at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here said Saturday.

Scientists gathering to mark the event at JPL released the first recordings ever made of the "bizarre sounds of Jupiter," the first images of the mysterious magnetic bubble that surrounds the planet, and new images that show particles spewed from volcanoes on the moon Io stretch out from the planet for 13 million miles — and are possibly reaching Earth.

It is also the Cinderella story of an aging, creaky spacecraft, Galileo, that returned inexplicably for a last day.

"For it to have survived 2 1/2 times as long as its mission length in a hazardous environment, Galileo is very much the hero here," said Robert T. Mitchell, who manages the newer Cassini mission for NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab.

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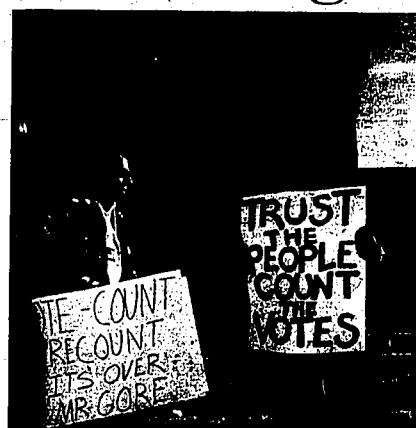
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NATION

U.S. presidential election creates cliffhanger



U.S. Supreme Court police line the steps of the court house Dec. 12 as the nation awaited a ruling in the disputed Florida case during the presidential election.



George W. Bush supporter Charles Robbins of Arlington, Va., left, debates the presidential election with Al Gore supporter Ann Grossman of Silver Spring, Md., in front of the U.S. Supreme Court Dec. 12 in Washington.

Battle between Bush and Gore takes top story

NEW YORK (AP) — It made some international media liken the United States to a banana republic, others to marvel at the strength of its democracy. But it was widely agreed that the deadlocked U.S. presidential election was the top story of 2000.

The extended battle between Al Gore and George W. Bush easily topped the annual poll of Associated Press subscribers outside the United States. The ouster of Yugoslavia's Slobodan Milosevic came second, followed by Middle East violence, the Russian nuclear submarine disaster and the historic summit between leaders of the two Koreas.

Balots were submitted by 50 news media subscribers in 19 countries, with editors picking their story choices from an extensive list of nominations. Ten points were awarded for each first-place vote, nine points for second and so on down to one point for a 10th-place choice. The poll was conducted in the first half of December.

Twenty subscribers gave first-place votes to the election cliffhanger, which dominated headlines for five weeks before Bush was declared the winner over Vice President Gore. The story received 400 points.

Last year's winner was the ethnic violence in Kosovo that provoked NATO to bomb Yugoslavia, followed by President Clinton's impeachment battle.

This year's Yugoslavia story came in second, with 275 points and seven top ballots.

Voters gave four No. 1 picks and 220 points to the Israeli-Palestinian violence that broke out in September, killed hundreds and set back U.S.-brokered



Police fire tear gas to disperse opposition supporters in front of the Yugoslav federal parliament building Oct. 5 in Belgrade. Slobodan Milosevic, who had ruled Yugoslavia for 13 years, stepped down Oct. 6.

Top stories in 2000, as ranked by AP members and subscribers

NATIONAL (the year's top stories based on a survey of AP's domestic members):

1. Presidential election
2. Elian Gonzalez custody dispute
3. USS Cole bombing
4. Soaring oil prices
5. Firestone tire recall
6. Microsoft breakup ordered
7. Genetic code mapped
8. Year 2000 arrives
9. Milosevic toppled in Yugoslavia
10. Verdict against tobacco industry

INTERNATIONAL (the year's top stories based on a survey of AP's international members):

peace efforts.

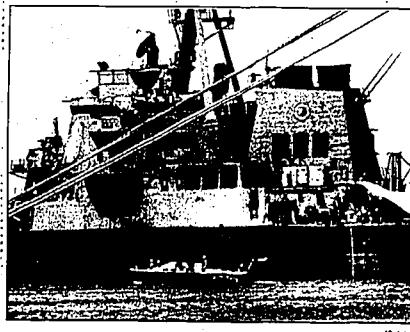
Dramatic attempts to rescue the doomed crew of the submarine Kursk took fourth place with

197 points and two nods for no. 1.

The first meeting between leaders of North and South Korea, which share the world's most heavily fortified border, earned nine first-place votes but only 189 points.

The completion of the first map of the human genetic code was sixth (158 points and three top votes), followed by Vladimir Putin's election as Russian President, the crash of the Concorde jet in France, and soaring oil prices. The Olympic Games in Australia and the scare over mad cow disease in Europe tied for 10th with 69 points.

Three stories earned first-place nominations but didn't make the top 10: the arrival of a glitch-free millennium (19th place), Clinton's trip to Vietnam, the first by a U.S. president since Richard Nixon (24), the terrorist bombing that killed 17 sailors aboard the USS Cole in Yemen (25).



A small boat guards the USS Cole in Aden, Yemen in this Oct. 20 file photo. Seventeen American sailors were killed and another 39 wounded in a Oct. 12th attack, which was carried out by two suicide bombers who detonated a small explosive-packed boat and blew a gaping hole in the side of the U.S. destroyer.

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Elian Gonzalez is held in a closet by Donato Dalrymple, one of the fishermen who rescued the boy from the ocean, as government agents search the home of Lazaro Gonzalez in Miami in this April 22 file photo. Elian was seized from the home of his relatives in a predawn raid.

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We said goodbye to them in 2000

The Associated Press

The pen that gave life and lie to Charlie Brown is killed.

So are the rich voices of two of England's most famous voices, and the wife of a comedian who had "Tonight" show audiences chuckling when Jay Leno was a boy.

Charles Schaefer, 80, John Goodman, 51, Alec Guilmard, 80, and Steve Allen, 86, are gone.

We also said goodbye to politicians of yesterday - Carl Albert, John Pastore - and to some in their prime - Paul Coverdale, Melvin Belli, and others.

Icons of glamour and grit disappear - Fred Astaire, Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and "Rocket" Richard, Bob Lemons and Leo Fender.

Coors too, are Robert Trent Jones, master designer of golf courses; Dame Barbara Cartland, who regaled over the realm of romance; and the man who gave us "I Dared to Father" "Baby Bell" as the federal judge who overruled AT&T's breakup, and New York's Cardinal John O'Connor, who brought the rock with compassion, wit and commitment.

Former heads of state who will no longer be heard from - Charles Fiterman, Feb. 15; and among Canadians and successfully spelled Quebec separation; Pham Van Dong, who led Vietnam in war and peace.

And, a roll call of some of those who died:

January

• Nat Dyer, 68, Cornetist who wrote such jazz standards as "Jive Samba" and was a member of the Hall of Fame. Jan. 1.

Retired Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr., 79, top Navy official in the 1970s who modernized the service with "Z-grams" that relaxed regulations and paved the way for the prying of Agent Orange in Vietnam. Jan. 2.

• Henry L. Fowler, 91, Presided over the "agents and butts" economic policy of the 1970s, which included expanding social programs and the Vietnam War while treasury secretary. Jan. 3.

• Tom Fears, 77, an NFL Hall of Famer who led the Browns to three Super Bowls of 12-10 wins in a game still standing. Jan. 4.

• Don Martin, 68, The Mad magazine "maddest cartoonist" whose hapless characters were the most recognizable in the 1960s. Jan. 5.

• Gen. Leonard P. Chapman Jr., 66, As commander of the Marines he oversaw their most successful war, which resulted in 120 deaths in a game still standing. Jan. 6.

• Edward T. Hanley, 67, Led the 244,000-member Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International for 25 years before retiring amid a corruption probe. Jan. 7.

• Bob Lemon, 79, A Hall of Fame pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, winning 200 games. He later managed the New York Yankees, who won the 1978 World Series under his guidance. Jan. 11.

• J. J. "Jumbo" Combe, 88, Inventor of Comedol, an acne cream that helped millions of baby boomers get through puberty. Jan. 11.

• Zeljko Basmajian, 47, Serbian warlord who was shot to death in Belgrade by one of the war's crime tribunal. Jan. 12.

• Gene Harris, 66, Grandmaster of jazz pianist, known particularly for his work with the group The Three Sounds. Jan. 16.

• Sam Jaffe, 92, Hollywood superagent whose clients included Elizabeth Taylor, Lauren Bacall, David Niven, Elizabeth Taylor and Barbara Streisand; and producer of films such as "Born Free." Jan. 17.

• Robert Rathbun Wilson, 85, Nuclear physicist who helped develop the atomic bomb and served as director of the National Accelerator Laboratory. Jan. 16.

• Benito Craxi, 85, Italy's longest-serving prime minister, who was a leader in the anti-Fascist resistance. Jan. 18.

• Fred Astaire, 90, His crimsoned sultry glances during a string of 1930s and 1940s films with leading ladies such as Charles Boyer, Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy. Jan. 19.

• Craig Claiborne, 79, Food writer who once enjoyed a \$4,000 dinner in Paris and could eat a 10-course meal in a single bite sandwich to the splendor of haute cuisine. Jan. 22.

• Jim MacArthur, 101, The widow of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who was adored around the world with her charm. Jan. 22.

• Bob Squire, 65, Democratic media consultant whose help helped transform the way political campaigns are run. Jan. 23.

• Carl Curtis, 94, Former senator from Nebraska who served 40 years in Congress and died by President Nixon during the final days of his term. Jan. 24.

• Don Badger, 84, Tennis great who in 1938 swept all four major tournaments to become the first Grand Slam winner. Jan. 26.

• U.S. Sen. Birch Bayh, 76, He oversaw the breakup of AT&T and as a government attorney, played a key role in shaping civil rights laws. Jan. 28.

February

Richard Kleindienst, 76, U.S. attorney general during the Watergate era, who was the driving force behind Watergate Feb. 3.

• Carl Albert, 91, A 30-year congressman, he rose from the poverty of Oklahoma coal country to become speaker of the House in the 1970s and was twice next in line to the presidency. Feb. 4.

David Herring, 52, Mastermind magician who in the 1970s helped rejuvenate the craft with TV commercials and Broadway shows. Feb. 7.

• Jim Varney, 50, Rubber-faced comic who portrayed his rube character "Ernest" in hundreds of TV commercials and a series of movies. Feb. 10.

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By Seth Borenstein
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON—President-elect George W. Bush's choice Friday of former Colorado Attorney General Gale A. Norton as Interior Secretary drew fierce outcries from some top environmentalists, and a burst of song—literally—from a group that wants federal land returned to private hands.

Washington environmental lobbyists fear she will expand opportunities for drilling, mining and grazing on public lands—something advocated by Norton's controversial mentor, former Interior Secretary James Watt.

But several Colorado environmentalists said in interviews that they'd found themselves able to work with Norton, 46, a graceful, self-described introvert, despite her rock-ribbed conservatism when it comes to land-use policies.

"She is widely regarded as a person of great intelligence, a good lawyer, smart, ethical, and somebody you can talk to," said Alan Shultz, former deputy chief of staff for ex-Colorado Gov. Roy Romer and now chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Mark Udall, D-Colo.

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smack in the head."

Norton's choice surprised not just Interior watchers but even her libertarian father, Dale Norton, of Wichita, Kan. In their early environmental debates, he recalled in a telephone interview, his daughter, then a teen, railed against his big American polluting car.

After graduating from the University of Denver and its law school, Norton specialized in water rights issues at Watt's Mountain States Legal Foundation from 1979-83. The Denver organization fights federal land takings and advocates more logging, mining and oil drilling on public land.

Watt's views made him a natural for Interior Secretary in the Reagan Administration, where Norton joined him as an associate solicitor. She dealt with endangered species and public lands issues, according to a biography handed out Friday by Bush's transition team.

"She was there when James Watt gave our public lands to the oil, timber and mining companies," Sierra Club political director Daniel J. Weiss said. "I think the Senate should question her very closely about her role in those activities."

Aided by attack ads depicting her opponent as soft on crime, Norton, a political unknown, won Colorado's attorney general post in 1990. She fought for more safeguards and money to clean up federal nuclear waste sites in the state and opposed tougher auto emission standards that Washington imposed on Colorado.

She lost a 1994 Republican Senate race after being painted as too moderate. She turned to private legal practice in 1999.

"In fact if it were not for a call from the Bush transition team, my husband, John, and I would be ski-

ing in those (Rocky) mountains today," Norton said after being named by Bush Friday. "We must build strong partnerships with states, local governments and private citizens to make thoughtful decisions about natural resources."

Though she sounded amiable, Rodger Schlickeisen, president of Defenders of Wildlife, a Washington environmental

activist organization, was not reassured. "If you pick a protege of James Watt," he said, "that's going to scare you to death."

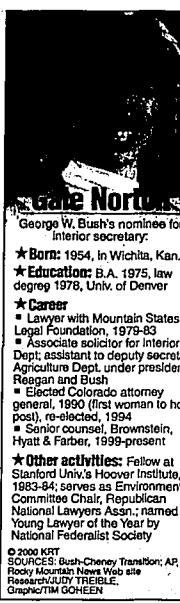
Unlike Watt, who took evident glee in poking environmentalists in the eye, Norton has cultivated tact in her dealings with them, several Coloradans said.

"She appears to have the ability to operate without being driven ideologically. I think that's a good

sign," said Larry MacDonnell, an environmental law attorney in Boulder and a Democrat. That's where she differs from Watt, he said.

"She's actually more moderate than what you hear," said Chuck Cushman, executive director of the American Land Rights Association of Battle Ground, Washington, a group that fights federal property acquisition.

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Fire scorches Alaskan tundra

By Dan Joling
Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Firefighters are monitoring a rare 20,000-acre blaze on frozen tundra near the village of Kotik on the southern coast of Norton Sound.

Alaska's wildfire season is usually over by December.

The fire in southwest Alaska is within the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Fighting the fire would be dangerous because of the elements and the speed with which the blaze is moving, spreading at least 13 miles by Friday, he said.

"We couldn't really expect people to camp out there," Vanderlinden said. "Natural resources are not worth putting human life at risk."

Both the Pastolik and the Pastolik rivers, as well as smaller streams and lakes, stand between the village and the fire.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

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Education nominee brings track record

Superintendent is noted for Houston success

By Claudia Kotker
Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — He took office amid bitter protests. He faced leading a community where an ethnic minority — Latinos — felt shut out of the debate. Some experts even worried about his lack of experience.

But Roderick Paige, the Houston schools superintendent, was widely considered one of the most successful school administrators in the country by the time President-elect George W. Bush nominated him to be the nation's Education secretary Friday.

Seven years after taking charge at the Houston Independent School District, Paige oversees a system routinely visited by admiring educators from other states. Houston academic test scores have soared. A sharply fractured school community has largely unified. And as one of Houston's leading black Republicans, Paige is the city a flagship for many of Bush's favorite education projects.

"I wanted an educator who had proven that urban schools can be excellent schools, and Rod Paige is the right person," Bush said as he announced the nomination in Washington. "He understands that we have the need to make sure we don't shuffle children through our system; we don't give up on any child, regardless of their background."

The son of a principal and a librarian, Paige grew up in segregated Mississippi. Members of his family, he told The Dallas Morning News, were die-hard Democrats. But he became a Republican because in Mississippi, "the guys that were lynching us were Democrats."

He has known the Bushes since the 1970s, helping with the 1980 presidential campaign of George Bush, the president-elect's father, and talking up Texas education triumphs at this year's Republican National Convention.

Bush, he said Friday, was "the education government" who helped his political work. "You didn't just tell the talk; you walked the walk," Paige told the president-elect. "You see, we know that if expectations are set high, and if educators and parents work hard together, every child can thrive."

Paige, 67, attended Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., on a sports scholarship, and later earned a master's degree and a doctorate in physical education at Indiana University. He later was big football coach at Texas Southern University before becoming a professor and dean of education there. In 1989, he became a trustee on Houston's school board.

When the board appointed Paige four years later to replace an ousted superintendent, many Houston Latinos, the largest constituency in the school district, protested that they had been excluded from the process of his selection. The brisk, plain-spoken superintendent has largely healed those wounds, many Latino leaders now say. "He has relatively small opposition now," said Leonce Castillo, educational liaison to Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown. "The way he reached out to the Latino community was with school construction and playing fields and (numerous) other programs. We've spent almost a billion dollars on fixing schools in Houston in the last four years."

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Paige was similarly methodical in tackling other problems plaguing Houston's schools. Running schools, he has said, is a managerial job as much as running a business. Establishing accountability is Paige's mantra: Houston administrators and teachers are responsible for students' test scores.

Under Paige, achievement tests are given routinely, social promotion has been abolished and underperforming students are no longer exempt from school test scores.

He has strongly supported charter schools, another approach that Bush favors, although they have had only mixed results so far in Houston. Paige also favors a limited school voucher system, which Bush backs.



George W. Bush's nominee for education secretary: Rod Paige

★ Born: 1933, in Monticello, Mass.

★ Education: B.S., Jackson State Univ., M.A. and Ph.D., Indiana Univ.

★ Career

■ Coach at Jackson State, Univ. of Cincinnati

■ Named coach and faculty member, Texas Southern Univ. in Houston; later named dean of the college of education

■ Elected to Houston Board of Education, 1989; became president, 1992

■ Named Houston Superintendent of Schools, 1994

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Bush supporter to serve veterans

Los Angeles Times

"It's now up to us to keep faith with them."

Principi left government at the end of the administration of President George Bush, but his concern for veterans did not end.

On Friday, Principi was named by President-elect George W. Bush as secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the \$41 billion-a-year, 219,000-employee agency entrusted with providing medical care and other services to 27 million veterans.

The department is second in size only to the Department of Defense.

And so a ceremony to thank private-sector employers who responded to a hire-a-vet campaign took place on the aircraft carrier Independence in San Diego Bay, the West Coast home to the U.S. Navy.

In a tone heavy with emotion, Principi, then deputy secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, told 400-plus persons on the deck of the mighty warship that the nation can never ignore its debt to its military veterans.

"Our history today is what it is because those young Americans kept faith with their country."

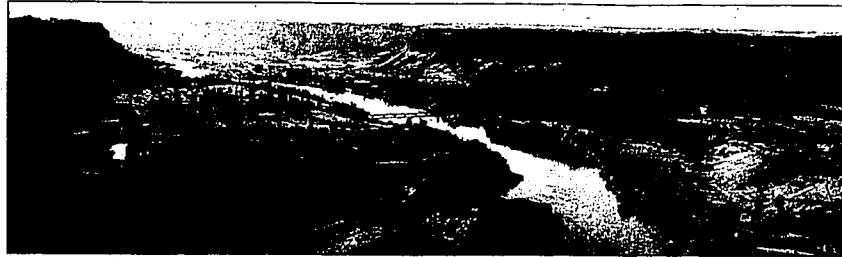
Principi said that day in 1989.

star at a Catholic high school, graduated from the Naval Academy in 1967 and served in Vietnam as a commanding officer of a river-patrol force in the Mekong Delta, earning a Bronze Star with a "V" for valor and other decorations.

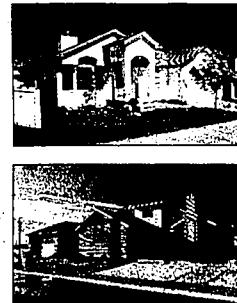
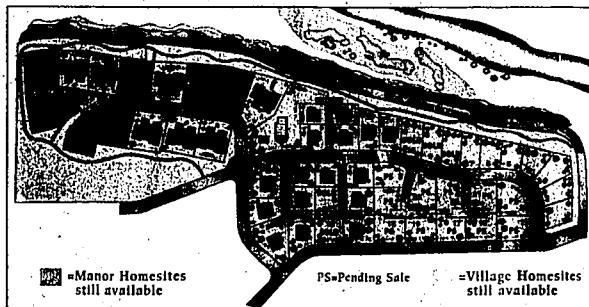
He graduated from Seton Hall University law school in 1975 and returned to active duty in the Navy in the Judge Advocate General's corps, assigned to prosecute and defend military personnel. Transferred to Washington, he was legislative counsel for the Department of the Navy.

After leaving the Navy, he served in a variety of high-level Washington jobs, including staff director of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, staff director and chief counsel to the Senate Armed Services Committee and deputy administrator for congressional and public affairs for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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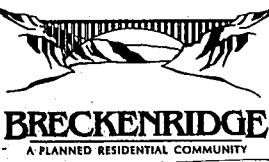
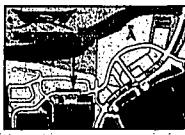
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Ron Achs: A long road

looks for big farm proposal

BURLEY - He's come this far, so it's unlikely he'll turn back.

Ron Achs wants to build the largest, pork-producing farm in Idaho. And after 13 months of fierce opposition and a lengthy permitting process, a long road looks ahead.

In 2001, the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission

will likely approve or reject the controversial hog farm.

Achs has shown an unwavering persistence to build his business and a strong willingness to work with local and state entities to ensure it will have no environmental consequences and won't leave taxpayers stuck with a cleanup bill.

Achs and his technical consultants will first field questions from the public at a state Department of Environmental Quality hearing, likely within the next month.

Then, Achs will present his proposal to the county planning commission at a second hearing, where local opponents are likely to try to dismantle the proposal.

That doesn't include the legal battles expected to follow, regardless what the planning commission decides.

- Ruth Streeter



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District Judge Roger Burdick's role in state affairs took a highly visible jump in December, when he took the reigns of the state's water court.

Roger Burdick: Water court heads into busy transition

TWIN FALLS - The judge now in charge of one of Idaho's biggest



Three-News file photo

In the next legislative session, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, will share leadership of the state's budget-writing committee, one of the most powerful panels at the Statehouse.

will tap into a background in architecture to oversee much of the construction himself.

"If you spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money, you need to be accountable," he said.

- Aaron Brock

become a private nonprofit organization. The move could allow it to partner more easily with other providers, but could limit public discussion of some hospital operations. County commissioners could rule on the issue by mid-year.

- Braden Fiala

Terry Reid: Life Flight pilot, and Magic Valley Regional, head into turbulent 2001.

TWIN FALLS - Five minutes after a call comes in, Terry Reid can be flying at 156 mph over the southern Idaho desert.

Reid, a Life Flight helicopter pilot, is based at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Using GPS coordinates and experience, Reid can quickly set a course to find patients.

"I want to know where a patient is, where he or she may go and the weather conditions," he said. "I also find the patient's weight to adjust fuel load and to stay within weight limitations."

The hospital's course in 2001 is less certain. Decisions made in the new year could determine who runs the air ambulance service - and determine the hospital's share of the Magic Valley's health-care market.

The hospital still doesn't have an air ambulance contract. Life Flight, affiliated with Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, and Boise's Access Air are competing for the contract.

Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital

doctors could decide in January on purchase bids from Magic Valley Regional and Saint Al's.

The hospital also wants to

Hubert Shaw: Range fire victim struggles to rebuild

DIETRICH: For Hubert Shaw, the hard times are as tempestuous as the fire that decimated his livestock.

Shaw, a rancher with 30 years' experience, lost more than half of his 1,000-head herd of cattle in an Aug. 10 range fire that scorched more than 20,000 acres.

He suffered more than \$600,000 in damages. So far, he has recovered \$16,000.

"The disaster programs aren't doing anything for me," Shaw said. "I really believe that if they can help everybody in Florida and the Carolinas, then they can help people here."

Shaw said he is working on getting financing to beef up his herd again - but the going has been slow.

"I'm having a real hard time. I'm not sure how this is going to work out," Shaw said.

The heavy fire season of 2000 could be avoided in the new millennium, he said, through better management of range land and more local control. Meanwhile, he expects his own struggles to continue.

"But I'm just going to keep on fighting," he said.

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NATION

Veteran crook may be leading gang of seven escaped prisoners

Los Angeles Times

HOUSTON — A shrewd, well-organized master criminal appears to be the leader of seven escaped Texas prisoners suspected of murdering a policeman, so authorities said Tuesday — and they fear the escapees might be but planning a violent showdown with police.

CONSPIRACY: A Christmas Eve heist in Irving, in which Officer Aubrey Hawkins was slain, bore marked similarities to the El Paso robbery that landed escapee George Rivas in jail in 1994.

Rivas, 34, whom El Paso prosecutors once called the "most dangerous man in Texas," had led a group of thugs posing as security guards in at least a dozen robberies.

Since the Irving officer's murder, law enforcement officials have pursued in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from south Texas to Fort Worth. Every law enforcement agency in the state is participating in a massive manhunt from small-town police departments to the Texas Rangers, said David Clark, a Dallas Police Department detective.

Al Valerio, a spokesman for the El Paso police, recalled: "During his robberies, Rivas was very calm, very cool. He appeared as if he truly knew what he was doing."

But in his last El Paso robbery, Rivas also resisted authorities beyond all reasonable hope of success. After a three-hour siege, a police SWAT team including a dozen officers burst into the store Rivas and his gang had robbed. Rivas and his cohorts were crouched in a rooftop air conditioner, still hoping to escape. Rivas later was sentenced to 99 years for aggravated kidnapping and robbery.

Now Rivas and six others, all serving sentences of 30 years to life, are at large with warm clothes, apparent outside help and as many as 40 guns.

The combination raises the specter of a violent stand-off, said spokesman Lori Bailey.

"Certainly we're all concerned."



George Rivas
Notorious reputation in Texas

about that," he said. "They have quite a cache of weapons and ammunition and they're obviously not afraid to use them."

On Dec. 13, Rivas and his compatriots combined guile and violence to overcome 11 civilians and inmates and finally a watchtower guard before fleeing from the maximum security prison in Kennedy. Taking guns from the tower, the seven escaped in a state-issued car, later swapping it for another that authorities think was supplied by accomplices.

Amazed by the group's organization and coherence, officials said the break-out may have been planned for as long as six months. Certainly, it demonstrated a concern for drama and perhaps retribution.

"You haven't heard the last of us," one of the escapees said in a note left in his cell.

Still together, the group resurfaced on Christmas Eve, in an elaborate robbery of a sporting goods store in Irving, a Dallas suburb. Dressed as security guards, three of the inmates approached a 17-year-old employee in the store's parking lot, announced that they were investigating a break-in in his car two days earlier.

The employee, Tony Coronado said, the three yelled, "Everybody, hands in the air."

Insurers may use addresses to calculate premiums

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A state appeals court ruled Friday that auto insurers can calculate premiums based on a customer's zip code for a potential California Supreme Court showdown.

The decision from the 1st District Court of Appeal nullified key provisions of Proposition 103, a 1988 initiative that required

insurers to base prices on a driver's safety record, years of experience and miles driven. Insurers could consider ZIP code as an "optional" factor.

The three-judge court agreed with insurers who said they needed to give significant weight to a customer's ZIP code because risk factors vary from area to area, affecting the price of a policy.

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One third of earth's nations are at war

Report: Conflicts persist, present intricate problems

WASHINGTON (AP) - George W. Bush and his team of Cold War warriors face a world of increasing conflict, with military experts counting 68 countries suffering civil unrest, drug wars and other skirmishes. The number is up from 65 last year and nearly twice the average at the sunset of superpower rivalry in the late 1980s.

Of the 193 countries it examined, the National Defense Council Foundation found more than a third were in conflict. The think tank, which has retired military officers among its analysts, concluded the most dangerous strife is in Afghanistan.

"We're more in danger now - citizens traveling abroad and trade routes are more in jeopardy than ever before," retired Army Maj. F. Andy Messing Jr., executive director of the Alexandria, Va.-based foundation, said in an interview.

"There are all these little wars going on and a lot of them are starting to affect market places, resource bases and markets ... our ability to navigate the globe safely," he said, adding that proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and increasing world population add to the danger.

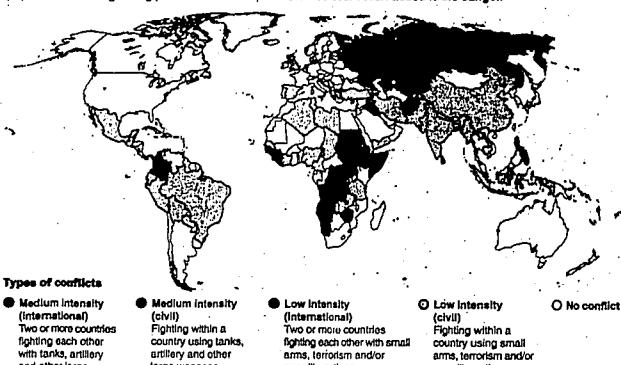
The report said the year's "stupidest conflict" is in Cameroon, where the government created and armed paramilitary groups to help stamp out widespread crime. "The militias and paramilitaries have created far more chaos and death than crime ever would have," the report said.

The foundation, which describes itself as a "right-of-center" think tank, is aligned with conservatives who advocate military spending reforms. Like Bush, it advocates limited U.S. intervention abroad.

"We can't intervene in this expanding plethora of conflicts," Messing said.

War carries on into the new millennium

The National Defense Council Foundation found 68 of the 193 countries studied in its annual survey of world hostilities, had conflict. That's up from 65 the previous year. Civil unrest, drug wars and other small wars, increasing world population and the growing proliferation of weapons of mass destruction added to the danger.



Source: National Defense Council Foundation

Retired Joint Chiefs chairman Gen. Colin Powell as secretary of state, former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney as vice president and repeat Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld will face new dangers, said Messing, who says he briefed Bush on global defense issues in 1998.

"Unless they reconfigure the Department of Defense, they're going to have a lot of superfluous or unnecessary spending. They're going to have to look at what the actual threat is," Messing said.

The report is being sent to Bush, incoming members of Congress and defense officials. The foundation's analysis lists countries where turmoil has disrupted economies, politics or security.

Its count of 68 conflicts contrasts with the 31 counted by the Central Intelligence Agency this year. But CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield said the CIA list, which

is classified, includes only conflicts with "high levels of organized violence between states or between contending groups within a state or with high levels of political or societal tension likely to erupt into violence."

The Washington-based Center for Defense Information, a more liberal research group that has issued reports skeptical of increased military spending, using different criteria, counted 39 wars at the beginning of the year, up from 37 in 1999.

The center's chief researcher, Ret. Army Col. Daniel Smith, said he counts major conflicts - or active wars - where at least 1,000 casualties have occurred, except in the case of Spain's Basque separatist movement, which was under that level but is included since it represented a resurgence of violence after more than a year of truce.

The report cites Afghanistan as

the "most dangerous" nation in conflict not only because of civil war there, but also because its ruling Taliban allegedly sponsors terrorists and insurgents elsewhere, such as in China, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and Chechnya.

Fifteen countries were added to the list this year, and 12 were removed.

Among the additions, civil unrest contributed to violence in Albania, Ivory Coast, Tanzania and Liberia; terrorism was part of the problem in Spain and Laos; drugs figured in the conflicts in Albania, Bolivia, El Salvador, Kazakhstan, Laos and elsewhere.

Among places removed from the list was the Korean peninsula, where warming relations between the Communist North and democratic South meant fewer incursions and provocations.

Arafat's Fatah urges intensified attacks

JERUSALEM (AP) - With Israel and the Palestinians appearing deadlocked over terms of a U.S. peace plan, Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction called Saturday for an intensification of a 3-month-old outbreak of violence.

On Israel's tense northern frontier, Israeli troops shot and killed a Lebanese protester they say was trying to scale a border fence amid a volley of stone-throwing. Raising the specter of an outbreak of regional fighting, Iran promised that any Israeli attacks on Syria or Lebanon would lead to "astounding and unexpected" retaliation.

In a statement, Arafat's Fatah movement spoke of Palestinians' "utter rejection" of peace proposals by President Clinton. It urged its followers and fighters "to make the next two weeks days of struggle against Israeli soldiers and settlers."

"The continuation of the Intifadeh is the only way, the only method of achieving independence," Arafat declared.

The killing of nearly 350 people, almost all of them Palestinians, since September has killed nearly 350 people, almost all of them Palestinians.

While Arafat is under international pressure to accept Clinton's proposals as the basis for a final peace deal, he faces broad demands at home to stay

with the popular uprising.

Arafat traveled to Tunisia Saturday night for meetings with that country's president and prime minister in what appeared his latest bid to gauge Arab support. A key test will come next week, when Arab foreign ministers are to weigh in on the peace plan.

Making a final peace push in his last three weeks in office, Clinton is asking the two sides for a trade-off: Israel would concede Arab parts of Jerusalem, including control of Judaism's most revered holy site.

In turn, Palestinians would scale back demands on the "right of return" for millions of Palestinian refugees and their descendants.

Both sides have signaled unwillingness to compromise on those crucial points, although Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak has not explicitly ruled out international sovereignty over the disputed holy site, known to Jews as the Temple Mount, where they twice built temples in ancient times and saw them destroyed.

Palestinian officials said Saturday that recent days had seen back-channel negotiations in New York with Palestinian and Israeli officials and U.S. mediators - but said the meetings had ended in deadlock.

Officials expect terrorist attacks

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The Philippine government warned of more terror attacks after five powerful bombs tore through the capital at midday Saturday, killing at least 14 people, injuring us many as 100 others and unleashing a nationwide climate of fear, blame and suspicion.

Among places removed from the list was the Korean peninsula, where warming relations between the Communist North and democratic South meant fewer incursions and provocations.

There were no credible claims of responsibility for the attacks in Manila, but plenty of theories. Police hinted that extremist Muslim rebels could be involved. A presidential spokesman implicated communist rebels. And the

powerful political opposition had at unidentified forces who want to distract the population from President Joseph Estrada's impeachment trial on corruption charges.

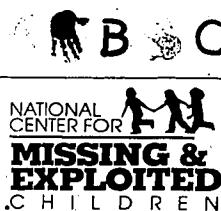
The embattled president, in a brief televised address five hours after the bombings, tried to calm nerves.

"I assure you we will use all the forces of our law enforcers to halt this violence," Estrada said; "I have directed the chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines to mobilize its intelligence agencies."

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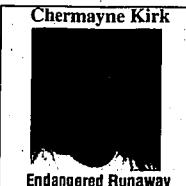
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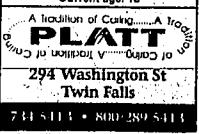
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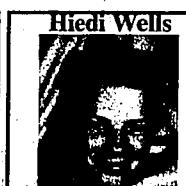
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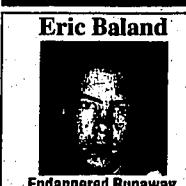
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Pakistan prepares for first federal election since military takeover

SARGODHA, Pakistan — Muneeza Tarar has pounded the pavement to entice women to run in a series of nationwide local elections that start today, the first in Pakistan since the army took power three years ago.

For the first time, a third of the seats will be reserved for women and a third for the poor candidates.

Staggered elections for municipal and district councils begin today, with voting for the first 18 of 106 districts, and the final vote will be held in July.

Army ruler Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who seized power from a civilian government in a

bloodless coup in October 1999, says he will hold provincial and federal elections after the local elections that start today, the first in Pakistan since the army took power three years ago.

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ish while nursing victims of the deadly Ebola virus outbreak in Africa, the news service of the Vatican's missionary arm said Saturday.

The Fides' service "martyrs of 2000" list includes priests, nuns, seminarians and lay workers.

Yugoslav president pleads with Montenegro to stay

BELGRADE — Yugoslav President Vojislav Koštunica on Saturday pleaded with the independence-minded Montenegro to remain in the Yugoslav federation, but the republic's leader

insisted he would seek separate statehood.

Speaking in Belgrade, Koštunica said the two remaining Yugoslav republics should stay together because "everything that connects Serbia and Montenegro historically, spiritually and culturally, is stronger and deeper than what divides" them.

Beijing issues regulations to accelerate trade with Taiwan

BEIJING — As Taiwan gears up to ease a five-decade ban on direct links with China, Beijing has issued new rules it says are

designed to accelerate trade between the two rivals.

Beijing's new regulations, issued Friday, will remove criticism of Taiwan's plans to allow direct shipping between two small outlying Taiwanese islands and China. The Chinese government said the move does not go far enough.

Taiwan will allow ships and people to travel between Taiwan-controlled islands — Kinmen and Matsu — and China's southeastern coast as of Monday, essentially decriminalizing a booming trade between fishermen and smugglers on both sides.

Hit-and-run attacks kill 14 Russian soldiers in Chechnya

MOSCOW — Rebel attacks killed 14 Russian soldiers and wounded 23 others in Chechnya, and federal forces were on heightened alert in the capital of the breakaway republic, an official in the pro-Moscow Chechen civilian administration said Saturday.

Five servicemen died in Friday's attacks on Russian checkpoints, four when an armored car hit a mine in Grozny, three when a truck was ambushed, and two when their minibus was fired on near the southern town of Vedeno, said the official.

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EDITORIAL

Questioning the hospital's quest for non-profit status

Twin Falls County taxpayers should be intensely skeptical of a proposal to turn over the county-owned hospital to a private, non-profit organization. The prospective financial benefits to the public seem dubious, the risks worrisome.

Voters with long memories may recognize a familiar theme. The recent proposal from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center leadership is remarkably similar to an idea that voters rejected 14 years ago.

Way back in 1986, county hospital bosses were concerned about the hospital's ability to compete. A then-new law, written by the hospital's own lawyer and passed by the Idaho Legislature, would have allowed the county to transfer hospital ownership to a non-profit corporation—which ostensibly could compete more effectively.

Public outcry forced county commissioners to hold an advisory vote. Despite vigorous campaigning by hospital leaders (and a lukewarm Times-News endorsement), voters rejected the proposal decisively, voting about 60-40 to retain the control and accountability of county ownership.

The basic issues are much the same today. Health care is ferociously competitive. Today, as in 1986, hospital officials see public ownership as an obstacle to nimble, efficient combat against local and out-of-town rivals. So they are reviving an old idea.

Give them this much: They are taking a slow and prudent approach. A newly formed advisory committee will examine the idea before a formal proposal emerges. Its members are local people respected for their honesty and savvy.

Even so, community members should watch the coming process carefully.

It has been increasingly evident in recent years that economics and market share drive virtually every MVRMC strategy. In today's cutthroat competition, Magic Valley Regional wages a constant struggle to maintain and increase its share of the local health-care business. Almost any important hospital decision—a new piece of diag-

nostic equipment, a helicopter ambulance contract, the level of nursing salaries—hinges on the county hospital's need to compete for your healthcare dollars.

The proposal for non-profit status should be viewed in the same context. The county hospital is skirmishing with Boise's Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center on multiple fronts, including the potential sale or lease of the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. One

complication is the public oversight implicit in county ownership. Wheeling and dealing is tricky if the public has the right to review every decision you make and every dollar you spend.

A private, non-profit status might ease that difficulty. If so, it might help Magic Valley Regional increase its ever-important market share. It might bring the hospital closer to its eternal (but rarely stated) goal of dominating every aspect of medical care in this area.

These observations should not be read as criticism of the hospital's leadership. If you're in charge of an enterprise, guarding that enterprise's financial interests is a primary duty.

But Twin Falls County residents have somewhat different interests. As the hospital's owners, they do share an interest in its financial strength. But they also have an interest in preserving the public accountability of a public institution. As consumers of health care, they have an interest in preserving health-care choices and competition.

So county residents should watch the hospital's current maneuvering with skepticism and jealous self-interest.

The twin objectives of hospital leadership—becoming a private entity and assuming control of the cross-town competitor—might serve the interests of hospital executives, physicians and others with financial ties to the hospital.

Whether they would serve the interests of patients and taxpayers seems less likely.

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Idaho agriculture faces a tough challenge. Our government is selling us down the river. Our senators and congressmen should be tried for treason. The Idaho dairy industry is in tough straits. Why? Over production? No! Illegal imports of powder, cheese and butter smuggled into the United States unimpeded from mad cow disease European countries. Our government and our dairy departments are lying. Third World predators be dumped into Magic Valley cheese vats producing 10 percent more cheese yield illegal felonies. Dirty Dirk won't do anything about it. Taguski says it ain't his responsibility. The attorney general won't

enforce the law.

Ten billion pounds of milk equivalent smuggled into the United States. This amounts to about 8 percent of the U.S. milk production. This violates the cheese factories' Grade A shipping licenses, which say they can't smuggle non-Grade A products around the United States. This also violates the Atlantic Center for Disease Control's five rules. The state patrol won't stop these illegal loads rolling through our ports of entry potentially carrying diseases and pesticides.

Idaho should have its own Boston Tea Party. Throw our government leaders in the Snake River. We should organize a strike in 2001. Otherwise, we will be wiped out. Thank God Gore did not have a chance to continue to cripple U.S. agriculture. Clinton, Gore and Mrs. Clinton should all be put in the same penitentiary cell. Birds of a feather should sit together.

Keep up the good work, all you govern-

ment wolf hunters. Passive resistance is a powerful thing. Merry Christmas to all and to all a good right.

JEROME FITZGERALD

Shoshone

Businesses should close holidays

Christmas to me is filled with many happy memories. One thing that I always remember is that it was the one day that families got to be together. That was the day that all non-essential businesses closed to respect the sanctity of the holiday and the sanctity of the family.

I am deeply saddened, also more and more outraged each year, to see the growing number of retail businesses that feel they need to be open on Christmas Day. No matter what their excuse is to justify it, if they are a hospital, an emergency service such as a hospital, they don't need to be open! To me, this is an open statement of greed. I hope, and I will bet, that their

overhead and payroll costs far exceed what they make in profits. But they will tell you they are here to be a convenience to their customers. I think this sends the wrong message to people also. They want to make people feel that they cannot survive without their store being there 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Some folks that have to work on this holiday for this type of business will also say they want to work. I believe that anyone who, given the opportunity to have Christmas Day off, couldn't find some way to enjoy the holiday in their own reminiscences of this day.

There is a deeper purpose to all of the reasons for businesses staying open on Christmas, and it isn't as superficial as greed. This isn't a religious speech, but I believe strongly that there is an evil force at work here. He knows that if he can interrupt any function of the family unit and destroy that sacred organization that

it will gain him the world.

My plea and Christmas wish to all is that we tell these retail businesses that we don't need them to be open on Christmas (by refraining from entering their doors). Then by doing so, we fight to retain this last bastion of our society, the strong family and its traditions.

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BRIAN HIGGINS
Twin Falls

Neo-Nazis spew hate on American web servers to avoid restrictions

Let's face it, people can say some pretty stupid things on the Internet. And sometimes it can get offensive. Case in point: neo-Nazi hate sites.

These knuckleheads still believe in a perverted socialist philosophy and rule by an Aryan "master race." Worse, they want to spread this garbage to a larger audience than their websites. They want a global audience. And the Internet provides the perfect medium.

The Washington Post recently reported that the German internet czars has identified almost 800 neo-Nazi Web sites located outside Germany. These sites are accessible to Germans and, therefore, in violation of its anti-Nazi speech controls.

Regrettably, to shelter themselves

from these German restrictions the globe-

al skinhead gang got smart and housed their sites on servers in the United States. Now the German government wants to do something about it: shoot the messenger. Germany's supreme court recently ruled that the country's anti-Nazi speech restrictions could be applied outside Germany within the borderless world of cyberspace. In other words, Americans who own the servers or communications networks over which neo-Nazis distribute their materials could be held liable for housing or transmitting these sites.

And it's not just the Germans who are going after American firms whose sites

might carry such material. In late November a French court ordered the popular American Web portal "Yahoo!" to find a way to restrict French citizens from accessing auctions of Nazi memorabilia. "Yahoo!" has asked a U.S. federal judge to block the French court's ruling.

Whatever you think of the efforts by German and French judges to sanitize the Internet, there's a big problem: It can never work. At least not without creating an international Internet police force to patrol the World Wide Web and punish any company whose networks might be used to traffic Nazi messages or memorabilia. But even if such a global government solution were possible, holding the messenger liable is rarely an effective way of halting the flow of objectionable material.

Moreover, the rest of the world has often held a bit of a grudge against America's strong defense of free speech and our beloved First Amendment. In a recent column praising the French verdict in the "Yahoo!" case, for instance, a writer for the U.K. newspaper The Guardian boasted: "To those of us who have endured decades of cultural imperialism, U.S. outrage at the French verdict raises, at best, hollow laughter."

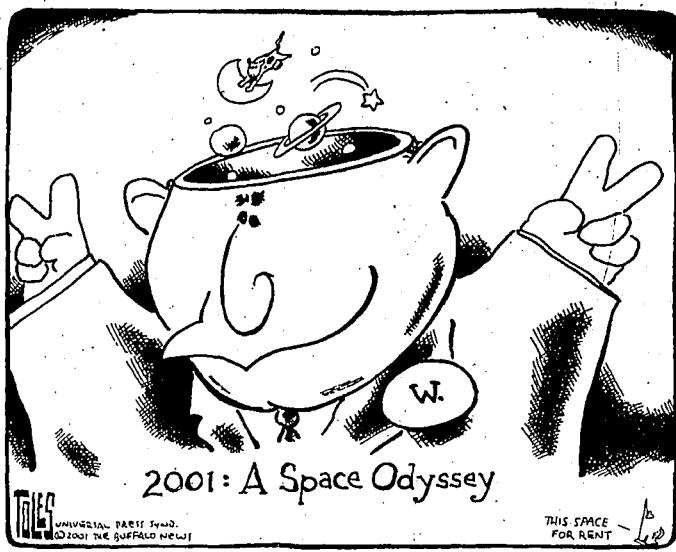
Let them laugh. They've reminded us why, in part, we rebelled against England in the first place. Thankfully, Americans take free speech a bit more seriously than the Brits, the French, the Germans and rest of the world.

Consider: This column will likely appear on the Web and be available to a global audience. And it likely will gener-

ate hate mail from people overseas who will call me another arrogant American who wants to impose my country's will on the rest of the world. But the fact that they will access our responses is a further blow to the Web providers, why the free flow of ideas over the Net is so important.

Trying to shut down a few skinhead hate sites may seem harmless to a European judge. It's also a serious threat to the sacred concept of freedom of speech. For now, let's ignore the Nazis, wackos. Better they are plastering on the Net than marching in the town square.

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Dem leader steps to the forefront

The most underestimated politician in Washington is about to become a lot more visible and influential. Thanks to the 50-50 party split in the new Senate, its Democratic leader, Tom Daschle of South Dakota, is about to emerge as the man who is second only to the president in the bargaining power he possesses. Not bad for a fellow who became the Democrats' leader by a one-vote margin, 24-23, and who won his most recent election in 1998 with 162,884 votes—one-twenty-seventh of the number his colleague, Sen. Barbara Boxer of California, received the same year.

But the Senate does not measure its members' standing by the size of their state or the majesty of their victory. What counts is personal ability and parliamentary skill, and there, the diminutive Daschle stands tall.

Since being chosen to succeed retiring Sen. George Mitchell of Maine in December 1994, by one-vote edge over Sen. Chris Dodd of Connecticut, Daschle has demonstrated a political dexterity that is far greater than his public reputation. He has been remarkably successful in unifying the often quarreling and individually ambitious Senate Democrats into a voting bloc that, time after time, has forced concessions from the Republican majority. Now, with numerical parity, Daschle's leverage will likely be even larger.

Part of his secret of success is his camouflage. At 53, Daschle looks like a Boy Scout camp counselor—polite, friendly and soft-spoken. Particularly in contrast with the more hard-edged Republicans, with whom he is often paired on television talk shows, he has given the Democrats a public image of reasonableness. As Sen. Ernest (Fritz) Hollings, the South Carolina



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Democrat, put it, "When you see Daschle on your little TV, he looks like character and integrity, not like he's trying to pull a sneaky trick on you."

But he is a partisan who has fought many a battle for President Clinton and (in the recent campaign) for Vice President Gore, while nursing Senate Democrats from their humiliating defeat of 1994 to a position where they can recapture control with the switch of a single seat.

When I asked some of his Democratic colleagues the source of Daschle's influence, they stressed his stalling skills. Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, co-sponsor, with Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona, of the main campaign finance legislation, told Daschle "has exceptional patience. It's no secret there were people in our caucus who were chafing at the prospect of our bill. But he convinced them unity was important."

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said Daschle has a knack for "dealing with colleagues who have an exalted sense of self. He knows when to draw us together and when to let us go our own ways. When he says he will back you on something, he will back you to the end."

Perhaps the most interesting perspective came from Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, who said he supported Dodd over Daschle in that 1994 vote. In retrospect, Biden said, "Daschle is tailor-made for the job. He never demands things, but

he has taken more power than his predecessors ever had. He's a real consensus builder, but he's tough, so he is the best person we could possibly have at this time."

Biden and several others commented that Daschle has been aggressive in asserting the Democrats' position on both procedural and policy matters, but still is able to maintain a good working relationship with Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, the Republican majority leader. That was particularly notable during the Clinton impeachment trial, when Daschle forged Democratic unity to block the effort to remove the president, even while smoothing out all the procedural questions in cooperation with Lott.

When I asked Daschle about the high marks he gets from his colleagues, he shifted credit to his mentors, from the late Mo Udall of Arizona, who took Daschle under his wing during Daschle's eight years in the House, to George Mitchell, who made Daschle his Senate protege.

He also said it helps to be from a small state like South Dakota. "I spend a few weeks every year, driving by myself through every county," he said. "It's easier just to stop and watch the eagles and the buffalo. And I have to be there when the sun opens in for coffee, and we roll for who pays."

Next year will be harder, Daschle said, with no presidential veto to back him in his negotiations, and "no experience in how we work in a 50-50 Senate." Characteristically modest, he said, "Trent (Lott) and I may be able to agree, but we have to sell it to 98 others. Everyone is equal up here."

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OPINION



A New York mayor's sad odyssey

Late one evening in the winter of 1966, Ed McMahon introduced "The Tonight Show" in his usual fashion: "Here's Johnny!" he exclaimed, as the stage curtains parted. But instead of Johnny Carson, out strode the new mayor of New York, 45-year-old John V. Lindsay. His delivery was slightly stilted, and the jokes no better than average, but viewers got the impression that a star, perhaps even a future president, had been born.

Lindsay was a tall, strikingly handsome, patrician Republican with a WASPish self-confidence not seen in New York politics since the days of Franklin Roosevelt. He had been elected mayor just a few months before in a memorable three-way race among a dreary Tammany Democrat (Abraham Beame) and William F. Buckley Jr., editor of National Review. The Buckley candidacy was only a half-serious enterprise but the collapse of the old Democratic machine was serious business.

Lindsay's death the other day, in his 80th year, reminds us how much has happened during the intervening decades. By the end of his first four-year term, New York politics had been turned upside down. To say that, in the America of 1969, things had fallen apart and mere anarchy was loosed upon the world, would be an understatement. Four years later, Lindsay staggered out of office, to be succeeded by — Abraham Beame.

What happened? Well, obviously, the New York Republican Party of Lindsay's youth had been transformed, and he not only for-

PHILIP TERZIAN



Philip Terzian became a Democrat in 1972, but ran for president as a Democrat that same year. Both gestures were disasters. The year he left office (1974) was not too long before New York City hovered on bankruptcy, the bulk of the blame was showered on John V. Lindsay.

Lindsay was, essentially, a casualty of conventional wisdom.

When he became mayor, the Great Society was in flood tide,

and federal programs and cash

were guaranteed to solve social

ills. He proved singularly adept at funneling federal funds from

Washington to the five boroughs,

and jumped at the chance to play

Father Knows Best.

The problem, of course, was

that Lindsay's attention was effec-

tively distracted from the bulk of

his constituents, who were neither

hippies nor black nor Hispanic.

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Recently, I had the opportunity to watch during tournaments. The first night, my daughter was finally brought in to play at the top of the fourth quarter for approximately two minutes (long enough for her replacement to catch her breath), then immediately taken back out of the game. The second night of tournaments, our team was playing the only team to which they had been defeated all season. As I watched, the game was very close and the girls were really playing their little hearts out — the same girls, the best players! Not once did the coach rotate the team so that some of the other less-experienced players were given the opportunity to play.

After the game, I asked my daughter how that made her feel, and she gave me the response. She further commented that, at the practices, everyone would get to warm up, but there were some of them who weren't always allowed to practice with the rest of the team. Excuse me! This is junior high. This is the time when each and every young adult should be given the opportunity and, most importantly, the instruction, support and encouragement to develop their potential and learn to work together as a whole team.

Unfortunately, it is going to take some intensive reinforce-

ment on my part as a parent to rebuild the self-confidence that has been stripped away by the self-serving acts of her coach.

After the team's great victory, the coach did have a statement

to the team. "I know that some of you didn't get to play, but I really wanted to win." Need I say more?

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'2001': What went wrong, anyway?

Tonight, just on the cusp of 2001, you can watch the movie of the same name on cable's Turner Classic Movies channel.

You'll see orbiting earth colonies, deep-space voyages, outposts on the moon, a smart-sleek computer named Hal, gravity boots and cool silver-colored haberdashery—all conjured up by science-fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke for director Stanley Kubrick's 1968 film.

Reality didn't turn out that way, of course, and I'm pretty bummed out about it.

On the brink of the real 2001, we're still stuck with internal combustion engines, polyester and Dick Clark, and even though the No. 1

best seller at the moment is about The Rapture, pretty much everybody I know remains earthbound.

In rough order of culpability, I blame The Jetsons, Al Gore and Darryl Hannah for that.

The Jetsons, of course, because they made living in the sky out to be a cartoon. George Jetson wasn't a captive of technology; he was a hostage, the kind of fellow who in the 20th century might have backed out of his garage before opening the door.

It strained credibility to believe that this man could pilot a space skidder. Heck, he'd drown in his own sonic shower first if there were any water.

Besides, what's the deal with Jane Jetson's hair?

Al Gore shares the blame because he invented not only the Internet, but earth tones. Nobody who wears browns and tans and marines exclusively is looking skyward.

Arid Darryl Hannah will never live down her turn as the blonde "replicant" in the futuristic fable, "Blade Runner." Guys who fell in love with her as a mermaid in "Splash" fell out of love with her as a cyborg. Better, I guess. Madonna today than menace tomorrow.

All which means, that as the year 2000 peters out, we're limited to Mir—the Yugo of space stations—and unmanned satellites mining asteroids which may or may not collide with the earth and eliminate all life and most Sony PlayStations.

The last three missions of Mars fizzled, and the only remotely sexy aspect of space exploration we've got left is the Hubble telescope snapping picture postcards of the Big Bang.

Clarke, who's still alive and 83, professes not to be disappointed with how things really turned out, but you gotta believe he's whistling past the graveyard. After all, he drew up the 21st century, and much of the rest of the world is still living in the 19th.

Kubrick was so upset with developments that he made "Eyes Wide Shut" and died.

As for Hal, the sinister computer, nobody's quite sure what he's up to. Actor Keir Dullea, playing the astronaut Dave Bowman in the movie, supposedly pulled the plug, but hard drive and memory aren't difficult to replace anymore. It's conceivable that Hal's still orbiting Jupiter in the space-faring equivalent of the SS Minnow, waiting to hijack "Star Wars Episode 2" and transform Jar-Jar Binks into a Republican presidential candidate.

As for the bone-tossing monkeys in "2001," you can find them in any college fraternity in the land on any given Friday night. But it's conceivable we've yet to discover that famous black slab buried on the moon—sort of a cosmic answering machine containing 4 billion years of interstellar phone messages.

One of them could be from E.T., but I doubt it. More likely, it's full of solicitations from Venusian telemarketers, trying to sell beachfront property on Mars.

Or maybe they concern the 19th-century composer Richard Strauss, whose "Thus Spake Zarathustra" provided the soundtrack to "2001" and a million subsequent car commercials—all without a nickel in compensation.

Strauss is currently dead, but his legacy is forever.

And so are his lawyers.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.

2000 IN PICTURES



Kaleb Davis, 13, plays some 'beer barrel volleyball' at Hub City Ag Days on a September Saturday afternoon in Wendell.

LOGAN CASTOR/The Times-News



Ron Dickenson of Elko, Nev., plays the bagpipes for the volunteer Shovel Brigade road crew, which was working on the remote South Canyon Road near Jarbidge, Nev. The road was opened after a short section was closed on July 4, but the dispute over the road remains embroiled in the courts.

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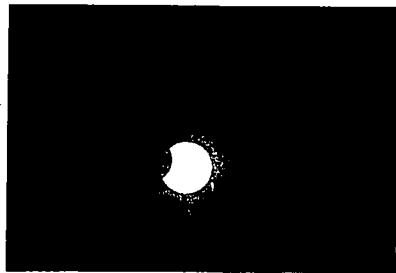


Frank Thompson, an engineer with CH2M Hill Engineering, climbs into the 10-foot-diameter pipe that siphons the Lowline Canal through Rock Creek Canyon. Twin Falls Canal Co. is refurbishing the 95-year-old pipe over the winter.

BRUCE SHELTON/The Times-News



During a practice before the Sydney Olympics, Stacy Dragila was clearing the bar set within inches of her world record at 15-feet, 2 1/2 inches. The Pocatello resident did not set a new world record for the pole vault in Australia, but she did bring a gold medal to Idaho.



The heavens put on a show in December—for those who could see it. The clouds parted just long enough on Christmas morning to offer a peek at a partial solar eclipse.



Bill Reesman flies a Russian MiG-17F over Shoshone Falls before performing at the Air Magic Valley 2000 Airshow. Reesman performed an acrobatic routine in the Russian fighter.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

New laws for 2001 range from drug coverage to teen drivers

By Robert Tanner
Associated Press Writer

The hangover this New Year's Day might be a bit less painful for parents whose teens itch for the car keys, for seniors who struggle with prescription drug bills, and for many people and businesses trying to pay taxes.

New state laws should ease some worries as 2001 arrives on Monday. They tackle issues from sweeping social policy to day-old bread (which can now be donated to charities in Illinois without fear of civil liabilities).

There are tougher realities, too: a ban on certain flavored cigarettes in Illinois; the possibility of a year in jail for hunters in Minnesota who claim they're disabled to get better permits; a pornography czar in Utah (though no one has yet been appointed).

States took steps on some of the thorniest issues facing the nation. Illinois, New York and Vermont now give seniors better drug coverage. Maine, the state that passed the most sweeping prescription drug assistance, was to have its law take effect Monday — except it is tied up in an industry lawsuit.

DEATH NOTICES

Jacquelyn A. Curtis

BURLEY — Jacquelyn Ann Curtis, 63, of Burley, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Burley First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dennis Stoneman officiating. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Edmund E. Stanger

BURLEY — Edmund Eugene Stanger, 83, of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Victor B. Cory

JEROME — Victor B. Cory, 74, of Jerome, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at the Rexburg Nursing Center. Cremation and a private family service will be held in California.

Kelvin B. Pyne

KUNA — Kelvin Barker Pyne, 49, of Kuna, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2000, in Brawley, Calif.

of injuries sustained in an accident. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Old Kuna LDS Chapel.

A viewing will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise and one hour before the service on Wednesday at the church.

Ila S. Bott

RUPERT — Ila S. Bott, 84, of Rupert, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2000, at the Minidoka Memorial

SERVICES

Joyce Ethlyn Weller Libby of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Velma E. McBride Routt of Twin Falls and formerly of Burley, service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Aurora R. Gonzalez of Rupert, funeral Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the St.

For seniors who do get help, the extra money goes a long way.

"It helps a lot, it sure does," said Helen Donohue, 73, of Cumberland Head in upstate New York.

Missouri and Idaho will require drivers to sit a bit longer before they can drive without adult supervision. And car insurance for all drivers will now be mandatory in Mississippi and Alabama. The only states that don't require auto insurance are Wisconsin and Tennessee.

New York cab drivers who saw a jump in killings this year will get more help from the government through a new safety training program.

Family life didn't go unnoticed either. In Tennessee and Minnesota, divorcing parents can join a program to plan out how they will raise their children, in an effort to reduce acrimony and confrontation. Domestic violence victims in California cannot be fired for taking time to relocate or see a doctor.

And frustrating telephone calls from telemarketers are targeted by laws in Connecticut and Idaho, which let people join "call-free" lists and fine companies that call

them anyway. Some 18 other states have similar laws.

Tragedies spurred a number of actions: Tougher amusement ride regulations in Missouri, after a serious accident injured 13. A study of racial profiling among police in Tennessee. Crime victims in Georgia now get netted before their assailants are freed from prison.

On the environmental front, Colorado hopes to encourage communities to clean up contaminated areas by offering income tax credits to residents. New York will give tax credits to companies that build "environmentally sensitive" buildings; drivers in Georgia can get a tax credit if they purchase a low-emission vehicle.

Georgia also tackled campaign finance reform, but instead of limiting the money in political races, now contributors can double the amount they give to candidates running for office.

California increased its minimum wage by 50 cents, to \$6.25. (Another 50-cent hike comes in a year.) The state also made it a misdemeanor to make or sell cheap handguns, mandating safety devices and standards.

Hospital in Rupert. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Julia M. Jolley

RUPERT — Julia Madge Gardner Jolley, 89, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, at her home in Las Vegas. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Nicholas Catholic Church; rosary at 7 p.m. Monday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Bernard "Ben" Lewis Egeler of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Demarey's Gooding Chapel. Family and friends may call from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the church.

Eleanor B. Leforgee of Filer, memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at Highland Park Cemetery in Kansas City, Kan. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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Coroner says burning stubble caused death

RATHDRUM (AP) — Kootenai County Coroner Robert West said that smoke from burning wheat stubble, not grass fields, led to the death of a 49-year-old Rathdrum woman in September.

West said that Marsh Mason's asthma attack was "triggered by the severe air pollution" from wheat field burning. He said that determination was made on Sept. 15, the day after Mason's death.

West said he was told by Department of Environmental Quality in September that smoke from wheat burning in Worley and Washington state exceeded that of grass field burning.

Initially, smoke from burning grass field was attributed as the cause of Mason's death.

Michael Gersten, an air quality analyst with the Department of Environmental Quality, said he still believes grass burning was responsible.

"Smoke is smoke to an asthmatic," he said.

Gersten said air quality readings taken in the Rathdrum and

Coeur d'Alene areas on Sept. 13 and 14 indicate that there were above-normal concentrations of grass smoke particles in the air.

Rathdrum Prairie grass grew

ers burned 632 acres on Sept. 13, Gersten said. Another 5,890 acres were burned on the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Reservation that day.

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BUHL

Joseph Lorus McMurdie
Lorus McMurdie, 95-year-old Buhl resident, passed away peacefully with family by his side, Sunday, Dec. 24th, 2000, at Snake River Rehab in Buhl.
He was born Sept. 9th, 1905, in Paradise, Utah, the first born of ten children to Joseph and Sarah McMurdie.
Lorus married Carrie Caley on July 20th, 1924, in the Logan Utah LDS Temple. They lived in Richmond, Utah, until 1926, they moved to Idaho and farmed in the Buhl and Castleford areas. Lorus and Carrie had six children. They retired from farming in 1967 and moved to Buhl, where they spent their remaining years together and celebrated 68 years of marriage until Carrie's death in 1992.
Lorus loved fishing and hunting and his little dog "Goldie".

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and one sister, wife Carrie, his eldest daughter Gladys, and four grand-children.

Lorus is survived by four daughters and one son, Clarence (Floyd)

Crowley of Buhl, Donna (Ernie) Crowley of Buhl, Dixie (Aco) Stouf of Buhl, Glenn (Linda) McMurdie of Buhl, Calif., and Kerin (Ralph) Doubts of Buhl. 23 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren; and 51 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Buhl on Jan. 3rd at 1:30 p.m., graveside services following at the West End Cemetery.

"O my lather, thou that dwellest in the high and glorious place,

We thank thee for thy favor and existence when I lay this mortal coil to my spouse and father and mother, may I meet you in your royal courts on high. Then at length when I've completed with your mutual approbation let me come and dwell with you."

FILER

Mickey Knight
Michael Fred Knight, 51, of Filer, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2000, at his home. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2001, at the Filer Baptist Church.

Highway 30, Filer, Burial will follow at the Filer Cemetery. Viewing will be 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday, January 2, at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Mickey was born January 18, 1949, in Filer, Idaho, to Gene and Ethel (Muspgrave) Knight, and was the oldest of three children. He was raised and lived his entire life in Filer. He joined the U.S. Army in 1967. He was stationed in Germany and was a Vietnam Veteran with a discharge in 1971. Later that year, he went to work for Bick's Trucking. He has enjoyed driving for 28 years.

Kathie (Ochs) Knight of Elko, Nevada. He enjoyed vacationing in Mexico, camping, hunting and a wide variety of animals.

Mickey was a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, son, grandson and brother. A friend to all, he never met a stranger. Mickey was loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but never forgotten. He had a positive outlook and a natural sense of life. Life will forever have a void.

Mickey is survived by his wife of 27 years, Kathie of Filer; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Christine of Filer; a daughter, Becky of Moscow; a grandson, Jayme of Jerome; his mother, Ethel of Boise; brother, Greg of Chicago; sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Dave Edgar of Eagle, Idaho; and his beloved grandmother, Geraldine Musgrave of Filer. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Frank Musgrave in 1984, his son Michael "Hippie" Knight in 1999 and his father Gene Knight in May 2000.

Mickey had many friends after the services in the Filer Community Hall at the Filer Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Jayme Knight Trust Fund at any First Federal Bank. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

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Aluminum plants return power to grid

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Hydropower and an energy market dramatically altered in just five years have put the Northwest aluminum industry in a unique position to sell back electricity to the Bonneville Power Administration.

The federal power marketing agency can use the extra supply, faced with this winter's soaring electricity prices, California's power shortage and increasing regional demand.

Five years ago, it was a different story. BPA's rates were higher than market rates, and the aluminum companies were threatening to bolt.

"They said, 'We want to buy from the market. We don't want to purchase from you anymore,'" said Ed Mosey, a spokesman for

BPA in Portland, Ore. "We negotiated to retain as much business as possible."

BPA was in danger of going bankrupt, Mosey said. One of the enticements the agency used was giving aluminum companies, under contract, the chance to resell power if they were forced to shut down production, something that occurred periodically because of low aluminum prices.

"They were taking a risk," Mosey said. "They had to pay us for power whether they used it or not."

Then came the summer of 2000, when a California heat wave, a deregulated wholesale electricity market and unplanned generation outages, started driving up prices.

Kaiser Aluminum Corp. has

it can make more money — \$52 million — selling electricity back to the BPA than it can making aluminum, so it shut down its Mead smelter in Spokane.

"We went from being the high-priced supplier to being the rock-bottom-priced supplier," Mosey said. "Had we anticipated that you'd be seeing \$500-a-megawatt power on the market when we were charging \$23, we probably would have put a cap on how much revenue they could earn from a resale."

This week, Golden Northwest Aluminum, with two plants in the Columbia River Gorge, said it was reducing production to 10 percent and would sell back power to BPA to reduce costs for ratepayers.

"All the proceeds will stay in this region and will be used to

assure the long-term survival of the communities and the company," said Brett Wilcox, chief executive officer at Golden Northwest.

Mosey said details were still being worked out, but the proposal calls for some of the revenue to be used to make the two aluminum plants energy self-sufficient by 2006 and for BPA to reduce costs for ratepayers.

"To his credit, Wilcox is trying to do something for the region, not just pocketing the revenue," Mosey said.

Kaiser and BPA are talking, said Kaiser spokeswoman Susan Ashe.

"Those discussions haven't concluded. I would rather not get into details. We've got some ideas," she said.

Some Utah residents to celebrate New Year's early

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The state of Utah takes a lot of ribbing for being ultraconservative, unhip and behind the times.

But on Saturday, some residents will be one step ahead of everyone else — they're celebrating New Year's Eve a day early.

In Provo and St. George, two heavily Mormon towns, party organizers moved the celebrations ahead because many church members are expected to spend Sunday quietly observing the Sabbath.

"We're not going to have a countdown," said Marc Mortensen, organizer of Saturday's early-bird celebration in St. George. "We're not going

to pretend like it's New Year's Eve. It's just a New Year's party."

Mortensen expects about 25,000 people at the celebration. He said staging the event on Sunday would have probably cut attendance in half and made it unprofitable.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has told members they can take part in "dancing and other activities" on Saturday but must be home before midnight. The church is encouraging members to spend Sunday quietly at home with their families and other church members, and to take part in activities "appropriate for the Sabbath day."

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included the following:

Misdemeanor sentencing

City of Twin Falls

Jeff Schano, 34, 325 Adams, Twin Falls, driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

John D. Miller, 21, 100 E. 25th, Pifer, count 1, obtaining an off-premise alcohol; guilty; \$150 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; count 2, driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Mark Vernon Macht, 38, 3810 E. 2800 N., Hansen; domestic violence; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; uncollectible; 180 days' jail time; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Jeremy T. Larson, 20, 621 Grant Ave., Twin Falls; petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; \$65.00 suspended; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Curtis L. Macht, 39, 3914 E. 3800 N., Hansen; false personation; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; uncollectible; 180 days' jail time; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Kenneth Ray Biggers, 45, 595 Terry Court, Twin Falls; petit theft; failure to purchase/valid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Maria Hernandez, 43, 1287 E. 3600 N., Buhi; petit theft; pleaded guilty; \$400 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

David M. Gilbert, 22, 2625 S. 1300 E., Twin Falls; disorderly conduct; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Brian Keith Banas, 32, 389 Van Buren, Twin Falls; battery; amended to disturbing the peace; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Joseph Wayne Shaefer, 20, 3550 N. 2700 E., Pifer; count 1, minor consumer protection; count 2, carrying concealed weapons; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Twin Falls County

Eric Terrell, 21, 2525 E. Ridge Place, Twin Falls; criminal trespass; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Dawn Kristin Jensen, 22, 2090 Pifer Ave. E., Twin Falls; domestic violence; pleaded guilty; \$50 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 180 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Mark E. Martinez, 30, 4232 Carter Park Road, Buhi; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/distracted driving; pleaded guilty; \$300 fine; with \$250 suspended; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Amie Illert, 27, 577 Jackson St., Twin Falls; false personation; intent to use a forged signature; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

David B. Mullin, 20, 1748 West 16th, Burley; reckless driving; amended to inattentive/ careless driving; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Lindsay A. Mullin, 20, 1892 Palisadero Circle N., Twin Falls; obstructing official business; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Victor A. Mullin, 20, 1892 Palisadero Circle N., Twin Falls; obstructing official business; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Andrew B. Lively, 17, 4150 N. 1750 E., Buhi; driving under the influence; pleaded guilty; \$1,000 fine; with \$400 suspended; \$78.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 90 days' driving privileges suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

Victor A. Mullin, 20, 1892 Palisadero Circle N., Twin Falls; obstructing official business; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

David Owen Mauldin, 26, 990 N. Bracken, Twin Falls; petit theft; amended to willful concealment; pleaded guilty; \$150 fine; \$63.50 court costs; 90 days' jail time; suspended; 24 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Charles Brumback.

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Tax reduction could come this winter

BOISE (AP) - Personal income tax collections remained strong in November, padding an already record state surplus and potentially fueling support for a major income tax reduction this winter.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has promised a new budget blueprint that balances tax relief with new investment in priority government programs. But he is also urging caution, citing the poor performance of the stock market in 2000 and the suggestions by President-elect George W. Bush that the nation is headed for a recession.

While optimistic that Idaho can avoid the near-depression suffered in the mid-1980s, Kempthorne said there is already evidence of an economic slowdown. Analysts, have cited flagging car sales and a poor holiday buying season.

"So I think it requires us to be

prudent as we go forward," the governor said in a recent interview. The circumstances, he indicated, might mean his budget proposal will focus more than might otherwise occur on nonrecurring proposals for both spending and tax relief.

Some have suggested that whatever amount of tax relief is proposed the bulk be in a rebate that can be adjusted in subsequent years rather than in permanent rate reductions that could leave the state facing deficits if recession strikes.

The new economic update from the Division of Financial Management showed tax collections for November running another \$2.3 million ahead of projections that had already been dramatically revised upward.

It pushes excess collections to more than \$24 million, and that is on top of the \$280 million more in revenue the state economy is gen-

erating than policy makers expected when they set the current budget and tax relief package nine months ago. About \$21 million of the combined amount is a windfall estate tax payment, possibly from the estate of businessman and philanthropist William Langroise and his wife, Gladys. Mrs. Langroise died a year ago.

Individual income tax, which accounts for over half of all general revenue, was another \$3.3 million higher than expected in November and was running nearly 16 percent ahead of year-earlier collections. The administration was counting on just a 6.4 percent year-to-year increase.

The growth continued to be in paycheck withholding, a key indicator of the economy's underlying job strength. But administration economists pointed out that much of the increase is the result of bonuses, especially in the high-

technology sector. And there have been signs that they will not recur in the near future.

Hewlett-Packard Co. announced that its employees, including 3,000 in Idaho, will see no pay increases until at least April following sub-par financial performance in the fourth quarter.

And while the thousands of Micron Technology employees received bonuses this fall after the company posted record earnings over the previous year, its performance during the first quarter of its new fiscal year fell short of scaled back Wall Street expectations. Computer chip demand remained depressed.

Sales tax collections, which make up a third of total general revenue and reflect consumer confidence, essentially met expectations last month. Through November, revenue was running just over 5 percent ahead of a year ago.

Possible clay mine might launch an economic boom

year and employs some 8,000 people.

"It could potentially be one hell of an industry," he said. "There is a good chance we could put together enough companies to utilize that resource, that it would put a lot of people to work."

Nisbet works for the company promoting clay mine development and is putting together a conference on the area's kaolin clay deposits to be held in Lewiston in March. He said several companies would be interested in setting up various plants in the Lewiston area if the deposits prove commercially viable.

State Geologist Earl Bennett said there appears to be a greater quantity of Kaolin clay in north-central Idaho than previously thought.

Cassia County

BURLEY - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Cassia County included the following:

Misdemeanor dismissals

Dale S. Schools, 26, 520 E. 4th; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree; invalid driver's license; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Devin R. Clegg, 26, 600 W. 44th; invalid driver's license; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Salli L. Yodell, 40, 1650 Elm Ave., S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich.; failure to place vehicle as hazardous on interstate; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Dee Dene Reife, 49, 729 Silurine No. 310, Boise; driving without privileges on interstate; pleaded guilty; \$78.50 court costs, 28 days suspended, 28 days' suspended; one year probation, 28 days' suspended; driver's license credited; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Christopher Reeves, 24, 201 Second Ave., Boise; driving without privileges, amended to invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Debra L. Tolle, 31, West; motor carrier violation; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Stoney S. Cook, 36, 115 Sherry Dr., Council; driving without privileges on interstate; pleaded guilty; \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Rauldi Macias Claves, 23, no address; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Larry Nielsen, 49, 274 N. Main, Malad; failure to obtain oversize permit; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Michelle A. Gandy, 21, 1405 E. 14th, Pocatello; failure to stop at checking station; pleaded guilty; \$118.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Christopher Moesly, 16, 302 15th St., Burley; misdemeanor assaultive driving; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Audrey M. Morrison, 16, 151 E St., Heyburn; misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Manuel Espinoza, 16, 406 Dennis Drive, Burley; misdemeanor invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Date Munson, 14, 143 S. 2nd St., Sunnyside, Wash.; failure to obtain oversize permit; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Sean R. McPhee, 31, 5006 W. Westpoint Drive, West Valley, Utah; size of load restrictions; pleaded guilty; \$118 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Jack W. Molan, 50, 14601 Hansen Road, Apple Valley, Calif.; failure to obtain hazardous permit; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Ronald L. Willis, 55, 1134 Elba No. 8, Burley; discharging a gun; found guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; five days in jail, five days suspended, one year probation, 28 days' suspended; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Christopher L. Scott, 24, 219 E. Baseline, Boise; invalid driver's license; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Rebecca Ann Rogers, 20, 118 Madison Ave., Pocatello; driving without privileges; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days' suspended, one year probation, 28 days' suspended due to victim, time served; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Jimmy Joe Rojas, 21, 701 Canaan Ave., Burley; possession of alcoholic beverage by a minor; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Rebecca Ann Rogers, 20, 118 Madison Ave., Pocatello; driving without privileges; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days' suspended, one year probation, 28 days' suspended; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

John Clifford Petty, 18, 447 W. 57th N., Pocatello; driving without privileges; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 30 days in jail, 28 days' suspended, one year probation, 28 days' suspended; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Alana Ann Romero, 19, 416 14th St., Heyburn; failure to carry driver's license; \$63.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Deonni King III, 22, 712 Hilland Ave., Burley; driving without privileges; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

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Kevin Rees Lind, 41, 704 E. 500 S., Burley; driving unreasonably to dislodge the roof panel of a vehicle; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Andrea Fuentes, 25, 352 Conant, Burley; disturbing the peace; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

John O. Ladd, 21, 31 132 W. 35 Lane S., Rupert; criminal contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Daniel Guadalupe Quiroz, 41, 1601 E. 10th, Burley; battery; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Damon W. Aver, 21, 110 Baseline, Burley; one count possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Andrea Fuentes, 25, 352 Conant, Burley; driving unreasonably to dislodge the roof panel of a vehicle; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

John O. Ladd, 21, 31 132 W. 35 Lane S., Rupert; criminal contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

Billy Ferrelas, 21, 12082 Jody Drive, Boise; one count misdemeanor driving

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Monica Lynn Meyer, 20, 326 S. Fourth St., Rupert; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Samuel John Stone, 21, 17 S. 600 W., Burley; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Veronica Juarez, 19, P.O. Box 1009, Burley; criminal contempt of court; Magistrate Judge Larry R. Duff.

under the influence, dismissed; one count misdemeanor driving without privileges; dismissed; one count possession of alcohol beverages by minor; dismissed; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Stephanie Lynn Hansen, 17, 1821 S. No. 1, Heyburn; driving without privileges; three years' probation, suspended, 24 months' suspended, one year probation, suspended; \$250 restitution due to victim; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Kent Olmos, 19, 407 E. Fifth St., Burley; domestic violence; pleaded guilty; \$100 fine, \$98.50 court costs, 60 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Gene L. Sorg, 63, 224 W. Clark, Pauls Valley, Okla.; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs.

Barbara Cardenas Magana, 27, 1821 S. No. 1, Heyburn; driving without privileges; three years' probation, suspended, 24 months' suspended, one year probation, suspended; \$250 restitution due to victim; Magistrate Judge Michael R. Crabtree.

Michael A. Hamilton, 19, 1459 Elm Ave., Burley; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$63.50 court costs, 60 days suspended, 12 months' probation; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Christopher Moesly, 16, 302 15th St., Burley; misdemeanor assaultive driving; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

Charles D. Morrison, 21, 101 NNPIC Circle, Goshen, S.C.; driving without privileges; pleaded guilty; \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway.

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Boise physician learns a lot on trips to the Third World

Internists teaches future doctors

BOISE (AP) — When we last caught up with Boise physician Roger Roos, he had just come back from a volunteer tour of duty teaching medicine in Uganda in January 1998.

Now the globe-trotting internist with St. Luke's Internal Medicine has headed for a hospital in New Zealand. This trip is not a month in a poor country, as in Africa, but a year-long job that again affords Roos an opportunity to help people and train doctors.

While New Zealand is a first-world country, the majority of the patients of Tauranga Hospital in the country's North Island are Maoris. They are a Polynesian people many of whom don't have access to other medical care, Roos said. It's a situation that belies the location of the city of Tauranga on the Bay of Plenty.

The 400-bed hospital has only a fraction of the cardiologists and other specialists with St. Luke's and far less diagnostic equipment. The nearest MRI machine is a 90-minute drive away.

Roos, 56, a physician for 30 years, will help young doctors diagnose difficult cases, make morning rounds with them on new patients and conduct lectures. And while he will be the physicians' consultant and adviser, he will learn as well under conditions of limited resources.

"For me it's more of a learning experience than a teaching experience," he said. "It hones your



Dr. Roger Roos examines patient Marge Trible early this month at his Boise office.

skills."

For Roos and his wife, Kathy, who will accompany him, the job is yet another opportunity to learn about a different way of life.

Kathy Roos was president of the Land Trust of the Treasure Valley, a group that seeks to pre-

serve open space, and narrowly lost an 1996 race for state representative.

She hopes to teach environmental studies at Tauranga University. She said she and her husband really enjoy the adventure of new places.

"We need to take opportunities

as they present themselves," she said. At the Mulago Hospital in Kampala, Uganda, two years ago, where Roger Roos taught medical students and young doctors, he was struck by the paucity of resources compared with the United States.

"It really changed me to realize

we are so fortunate," he said. "It's a quantum leap most people can't imagine."

Roos also has been an emergency room physician in American Samoa and a staff physician in Guam, and served as a Air Force medical officer in Puerto Rico, among other posts.

'For me it's more of a learning experience than a teaching experience'
—physician Roger Roos

A graduate of the University of Southern California Medical School, he's been a staff physician with St. Luke's Internal Medicine since July 1995.

"He's a major loss to us," said Dr. Roger Stagg, the clinic's medical director. "He's a superb physician. I wish the guy didn't have such a wanderlust."

But Roos plans to return to Boise in a year, although he may not resume a full practice but instead cover for other physicians at St. Luke's. That would enable them to take sabbaticals for two or three months, Stagg said.

By then, the Rooses, who have two grown children out of the home — both pursuing PhDs — expect to have learned much from another culture.

Roger Roos said the United States "doesn't necessarily have the handle on the best way to live, to relate to the environment and raise family."

He contrasted what he called the high-pressure, fast-track, money-accumulating life of many Americans with that of residents of slower-paced, less-affluent societies.

"We sometimes forget important things like family relationships and community," he said.

In fact, with only a small stipend, he says the Rooses will be lucky to break even financially.

Traction ties beads with prayer

SPALDING (AP) — "In the way I was taught," said Alan Durst carefully laying out bright beads against the next, "each bead I placed together, each stone I string, those were prayers."

And each prayer goes to the person who wears it. The necklaces and earrings, buckles and bags he and his wife, Martha Durst of Kamiyah, had at the Beadwork Bazaar at the Nez Perce National Historical Park at Spalding are all made that way, he said.

"When I'm beading, I'm praying that whoever this goes to, it will be good medicine to them, that it will call out to them for whatever their need is."

He watched the shopper who fingered each string of carefully arranged beads and animal figures, finally selecting one of the first she had picked up.

"People always go back to the same one. It's those stone people saying there's something I can help. So when it calls to you, you've got to listen."

People are skeptical about stones having medicine, but looked at from a scientific perspective, people are electrical and resonate in certain ways, just as stones do, Durst said.

"So it's only logical that when they come together these two frequencies have some effect on each other. I believe strongly in what I do."

Durst is Cheyenne and his wife is Nez Perce. He was born in Colorado and came to Idaho with his mother. He had some bad times, drinking and such, before he went back to the old ways that include the beading taught to him by his Cheyenne grandmother. It helped him spiritually, he said.

Selling a pair of beaded eagle earrings it took him five hours to make for \$22 won't make him rich, "but it's gone a long way in helping me in my own recovery and my own growth."

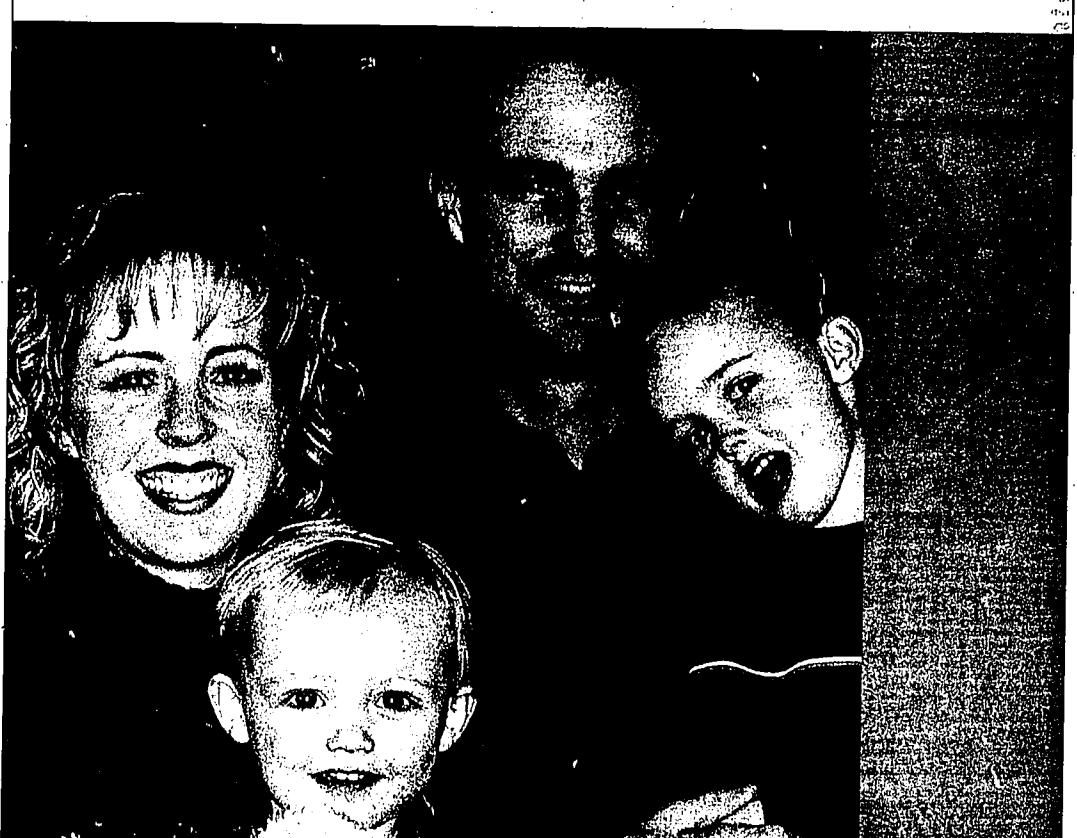
Now, in addition to his own designs that he says frequently come to him in dreamtime from his grandmother, he hopes to help spread traditional work to younger people. He and his wife sell their creations under their business name, Grey Owl Crafts, on the Internet and he hopes now to help Nez Perce tribal elders market some of their crafts if he can obtain money for computers and scanners.

"That's the only way I think we're going to be able to save some of this stuff, is to make a little money," he said.

Some of the old crafts like the corn husk and pine needle bags are made almost exclusively by the elders, but if kids can see it has a monetary as well as traditional value they are more likely to want to learn, he said.

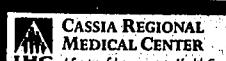
Ronald Wheeler, a young Nez Perce who lives at Lewiston, already is combining tradition with his own art forms that were carefully arranged on one of the bazaar tables.

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At Kootenai Medical Center the humor is contagious

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The plastic colostomy bag hanging from Betty Mills' middle after surgery was good for one thing, as far as she was concerned. A goldfish.

"She slipped the shiny little fellow into a sealed plastic bag, then inserted him into the front panel of the clear colostomy bag that held fluids while she healed."

The medical community howled.

"She's always been goofy. Now it's legit," said Dina Houriand, laughing. She's Betty's adult

daughter.

Betty's comical approach to life grew in importance three years ago when Kootenai Medical Center invited clowns into its halls. Former nurse Bev Toelle suggested the hospital try humor to elevate patient spirits and escalate healing.

The Mirth Corps was born.

Betty worked at KMC and was among dozens of volunteers who trained as hospital clowns. Nurse Marian Wilson started a humor cart stuffed with funny and uplifting videos, games, puzzles

and music. Dina brought fuzzy dogs to entertain the patients.

Giggles invaded usually somber hallways. Patients complained less while they were entertained.

"They don't ask for as much pain medication and don't call us as often," said Marian, who works in the oncology ward.

Cheerier patients were expect-

ed, but the effect on staff was a bonus. On-duty workers smiled and laughed more.

Workers who doubled as clowns benefited as if they were in therapy.

"The staff needs it more than the patients," said Vicki Ball, who works in medical records.

Clowning was an outlet for the volunteers. Orange wigs, red rub-

ber noses and baggy pants allowed them to express themselves creatively.

Betty naturally clowned and that talent helped her survive illness, family deaths and crippling pain. KMC's move into humor relaxed her more at a job she already loved. It also inspired her to clown in public outside work.

Her character, Pansy, is a busybody with a saggy chest and bottom and a teacup on a chain around her neck. Pansy occasionally surprises Betty when she's not in costume.

Betty was attending a performance at North Idaho College recently as herself. A woman nearby complained about how hot she was and Betty slipped into Pansy mode without thinking.

"I said, 'Say honey, you don't smell too bad for a hot girl,'" Betty said, with a bleak smile.

"She laughed, but I apologized. I couldn't believe I said that."

"We needed humor so badly here," Betty said. "Every one of us gains more than we give the patients."

Idaho man rememorizes fading timber industry

PIERCE (AP) — Robert Allen, unfortunately, is a man ahead of his times.

Little did he know, when he started thinking about building a logging museum, that the product of his dream would become the remnant of a dying industry.

Nor did Allen think he'd receive an award of the kind bestowed upon him by the Idaho State Historical Society.

"I thought I was going to get a piece of paper with a frame around it." Instead, Allen was given a cut glass trophy that promises to survive anyone's test of time.

"This will be forever," he said, holding the prize in his hands.

Allen, a retired Potlatch Corp. employee, was recently honored by the Idaho State Historical Society as a recipient of the annual Esto Perpetua Award. He was named as founder and curator of the J. Howard Bradbury Memorial Logging Museum here.

"I packed plumes home for years," Allen said of his propensity to collect old logging equipment ranging from chain saws and mystery whips (two-man hand saws) to broad axes and peaveys. "I don't think I was stealing it. I was saving it's life."

But Allen didn't simply collect artifacts. He orchestrated the moving of what is known as the Bert Curtis Cabin from its original site at the Clearwater River Timber Protective Association Headquarters to the town of Headwaters, and then finally to Pierce. Within and around the cabin, the museum has grown until it is now one of the biggest tourist draws in the community.

"I think it's in better shape than it ever was," Allen said.

Allen worked in the woods around Pierce and Headquarters for 38 years. He spent more than a decade as a dozer operator and about 25 years as a construction foreman. He retired in 1985.

His sister, Alexandra Davis of Kamiah, nominated him for the award. And his wife, Jeanette, has helped him with the collection of artifacts.

"I didn't call it that," she said. "I called it junk."

Bradbury was a logging supervisor at Headquarters and Allen said he wanted to pay tribute to the man.

Having worked in the woods under Bradbury during logging boom times, Allen said he also witnessed the beginning of the logging industry's downturn.

"In the latter years, it was my job to keep the roads open," Allen said. By that time, he also assumed the responsibility of preserving what remained of the work he and so many people loved.

"I thought I better get up off my hind end and move it to Pierce," he said of the Curtis Cabin.

Potlatch Corp., by the mid-1980s, was slowly closing Headquarters and burning buildings in the wake of the shutdown. So Allen, with the help of volunteers, lifted the old cabin from its foundation for the second time and moved it to Pierce.

"Nobody actually supported it," Allen said of the initial response to moving the cabin up the hill.

But the financial wherewithal to purchase property and cover costs was eventually realized and the cabin, with so much of the region's history secure inside, now rests on Main Street of a town crippled by continuing downturns in logging. The building was dedicated in 1992.

"Anytime I need help now, I always got it," said Allen. "But I like to work alone, I always did."

Two sheds have also been erected as part of the museum and house a number of items, including antique chain saws, a forge and bellows and other tools used to keep logging equipment in working order. The museum remains closed during the winter months, unless Allen is notified in advance. Then he'll meet people or groups wishing to step back in time.

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Sixers shun Kings in OT

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Allen Iverson scored 46 points with a whirling array of layups, shots and Aaron McKie, who had a triple-double, hit a 3-pointer to break a tie with 39 seconds left in overtime as the 76ers earned the NBA's best record.

The game matched the teams with the NBA's best records entering January, but the 76ers (21-8) jumped ahead early with a blistering first quarter and never trailed the Kings (20-8) despite several foul-and-tuck minutes in regulation and a tense overtime.

McKie had 19 points, 14 assists and 10 rebounds in Philadelphia's first win at Arco Arena in 11 years.

Sonics 104, Hornets 102

SEATTLE — Vin Baker hit a buzzer-beating jumper to lead the Seattle SuperSonics.

Baker scored eight of his 15 points in the final 3:22, capping it with a 19-footer that bounced off the rim and twice off the backboard before falling through the net just as the buzzer sounded.

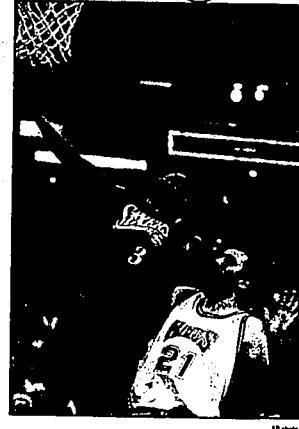
Rockets 114, Mavericks 99

DALLAS — Steve Francis had 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists as Houston snapped a season-long six-game losing streak.

Cuttino Mobley had 24 points, Shandon Anderson scored 15 and Kenny Thomas added 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Rockets, who beat the Mavericks for the 16th time in their last 18 meetings.

Magic 95, Celtics 90

BOSTON — Pat Garrity hit a tie-breaking 3-pointer with 50 seconds left and John Amaechi scored 23 points as Orlando beat



AP photo

Boston.

Garrity's shot broke a 90-all tie as the Magic snapped a five-game losing streak.

Knicks 88, T'wolves 79

MINNEAPOLIS — Allan Houston scored 27 points in his return to the New York lineup.

Houston scored eight points down the fourth-quarter stretch, including a critical jumper with 50 seconds remaining. Houston had played in 258 consecutive games before being sidelined by a stomach virus Friday night at Chicago.

Heat 110, Pistons 102, OT

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Tim

Philadelphia's Allen Iverson drives past Kings' Vlade Divac to score two of his game-high 46 points in the 76ers' win Saturday in Sacramento, Calif.

Mario stays super in win over Sens

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mario Lemieux had a goal and three assists to become the 10th NHL player with 1,500 points and helped Jaromir Jagr reach 1,000 points by setting up his two goals, as the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Ottawa Senators 5-3 Saturday night.

Lemieux has seven points — two goals and five assists — in two games since ending his 3-year retirement.

Lemieux scored an empty-net goal with 13 seconds left, spinning in a bad-angle shot from the left circle even as center Alexei Yashin tried to swat away the shot.

Jagr, the three-time defending NHL scoring champion, has four goals since Lemieux's return — all set up by Lemieux.

Maple Leafs 4, Panthers 1

SUNRISE, Fla. — Sergei Berezin scored two goals as Toronto snapped its two-game losing streak.

It was the first loss for new Panthers coach Duane Sutter, who won his debut Friday night, 3-0 over Boston. Terry Murray was fired Thursday along with his brother, general manager Bryan Murray.

Sabres 2, Islanders 0

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Martin Birn stopped 15 shots for his first shutout of the season, Denis Hamel had a short-handed goal, and Eric Rasmussen scored an empty net for Buffalo.

The shutout was Birn's sixth in 57 NHL games.

Oilers 3, Canadiens 2, OT

EDMONTON, Alberta — Doug



Penguin Mario Lemieux, left, celebrates with teammate Rene Corbet after getting an assist on Jaromir Jagr's goal against the Senators in Pittsburgh on Saturday. Lemieux's pass to Jagr gave him his 1,500th career point.

Lightning 1, Bruins 1

TAMPA, Fla. — Dan Cloutier made 33 saves in a rare start for Tampa Bay.

Cloutier (2-7-3) made his first start since a 3-1 loss at Anaheim on Dec. 17. His last victory was a 3-0 shutout of Detroit on Dec. 2.

Blues 2, Coyotes 1

ST. LOUIS — Chris Pronger had two assists and Brent Johnson made 18 saves as St. Louis won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Claude Lemieux scored for the Blues, who had earned at least one standings point in eight straight games.

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COLLEGE BOWL BLITZ

Win and retire?
Bowden may not

MIAMI — The day will happen soon enough for Florida State coach when Bobby Bowden steps up to the microphone and blurts out the dreaded "R" word.

No. Not rebuild — although that is coming to a Garnet and Gold dynasty near you.

After retirement, Bowden's, could no longer under ideal conditions than on Wednesday night in the Orange Bowl — provided the Seminoles win. He could ride off into the sunset in his golf cart with three



national championship rings, and a reign of terror to his credit unlike any college football will ever see again. His national image as a non-disciplinary has been shelved by the antics of his brawling state rivalries on Bourbon Street. And as extra garnish, his final victory would be an ex-Gator.

It'll unlikely ever have all the stars so perfectly aligned to go out his way.

"He told all of his coaches after he won his first national championship," son Jeff Bowden said, "he's not going to fizzle out."

Going out with a bang is the way he'll do it."

The stage is set. Bowden, 71, is not.

Even though Bowden insists finishing as the all-time winningest coach in NCAA Division I-A is not a goal, those close to him know better. He needs just nine wins to pass his idol, Bear Bryant. And if Peoria State blue hair Joe Paterno, just one win behind Bear, retires after the next year or two, Bowden would clip him.

"He's a competitor," FSU athletics director Dave Hart said. "Sure, I think he would like to do that."

Only two factors will force him to step down, and wife, Ann, is not one of them.

"People ask me: 'What do you

COMMENTARY
Steve Ellis

plan to get out, or if you won this game, would you get out?'" he said. "I have no desire to quit coaching, and as long I can stay healthy, I'm going to coach."

These Bowden moments, where

Jared Moon becomes Jared

Jones, as it did before Friday's

practice, happen with the frequency of bird foul, in the

ACC. But he is still fit enough to

run circles around Steve Spurrier

in Doak Campbell Stadium. And

Bowden has way too many wins to

ever leave for the health reasons

Clemson's Frank Howard cited

when he stepped down: "The

alumni are sick of me."

Losing, Bowden insists, is the

only other reason that would get

our him out of his livelihood of 47

years. For Bowden, a coach who

has made 10-win seasons as com-

monplace in Tallahassee as an in-

stantaneous restaurant service, losing

means 8-3. With 25 seniors gone,

Hart could see his program drop

out of the top four for the first

time in 15 years.

"It's not going to last forever,

you hope it will be a blip and not

a free fall, and I think at some

point there has to be a blip," Hart

said. "But I think it will be he

goes out on a high note because I

don't think we'll have the back-to-

back seasons that some people

consider unsuccessful seasons."

One blip Bowden could handle;

two in a row he could not.

"I don't think at my age, I could

stand a lot of losses," he said.

"It's not like if I had a bad year,

I'm ready to hang it up. I think I

would like to fight it one more

year to see if I can rectify it, if

that occurs.

"There's no way at my age I

could go through losing seasons,

I'll go listen to my wife all day

long before I do that."

Steve Ellis is a sportswriter with

the Tallahassee Democrat in

Tallahassee, Fla.

TODAY'S LINEUP

Option-oriented Air Force handles the pass

Sherrill past, present
meet in Shreveport

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — For the first time since his return to coaching 10 years ago, Jackie Sherrill's present will converge with his past.

Tonight's Independence Bowl matches Sherrill and his Mississippi State Bulldogs against Texas A&M (7-4), a program still bares his

stamp more than a decade after his tumultuous, seven-year tenure at College Station ended.

Since coming to Shreveport in 1991, Sherrill has turned Mississippi State (7-4) from Southeastern Conference cellar-dwellers to perennial contenders and regular bowl participants.

The Independence Bowl will mark the Bulldogs' third straight postseason appearance, and sixth overall, under Sherrill. The 57-year-old became the school's winningest coach this season. He is 66-48-2 at Mississippi State.

The Falcons bring the option — and Thiessen's arm — to San Jose State's Spartan Stadium today to face Fresno State in the first Silicon Valley Classic bowl game.

Fresno State (7-4, 6-2) finished third in the Western Athletic Conference, which encompassed the Mountain West before the conference split.

The Bulldogs faced the option earlier this season against Rice and emerged with a 27-24 victory. But Fresno State coach Pat Hill said Air Force has an entirely different style.

Air Force finished the season ranked ninth in the country in total offense with 451.9 yards per game. They averaged 294.9 yards on the ground and 157 in the air.

Fresno State's Tim Skipper said he and fellow linebacker Orlando Huff are well aware of the implications of the Falcons' balanced attack.

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'We're No. 1' might have an echo

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Al San Jose, Calif.
Friday 7:30 p.m. vs. Air Force 10:30 p.m.
Independence Bowl

Al Shreveport, La.
Saturday 12:30 p.m. vs. Oklahoma State 10:30 p.m.

MONDAY

Outback Bowl

Jared Moon (7-4),
Chris Weinke (7-4),
Tennessee (8-3),
Florida (8-3)

Tuesday

Florida (8-3),
Texas A&M (7-4),
Michigan (7-4),
Washington (7-4)

Wednesday

Florida (8-3),
Tennessee (8-3),
Florida (8-3),
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TUESDAY

Super Bowl

Al Florida (8-3),
Al Tennessee (8-3),
Al Florida (8-3),
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WEDNESDAY

Orange Bowl

Al Florida (8-3),
Al Tennessee (8-3),
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Florida State guard Jeff Womble sits under water misters during the final minutes of the team's 27-24 loss against Miami Oct. 7 at the Orange Bowl. For the fourth time since 1990, college football could end up with co-national champions if Miami beats Florida in the Sugar Bowl and Florida State defeats No. 1 Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. After all, the Hurricanes have already beaten the Seminoles this season.

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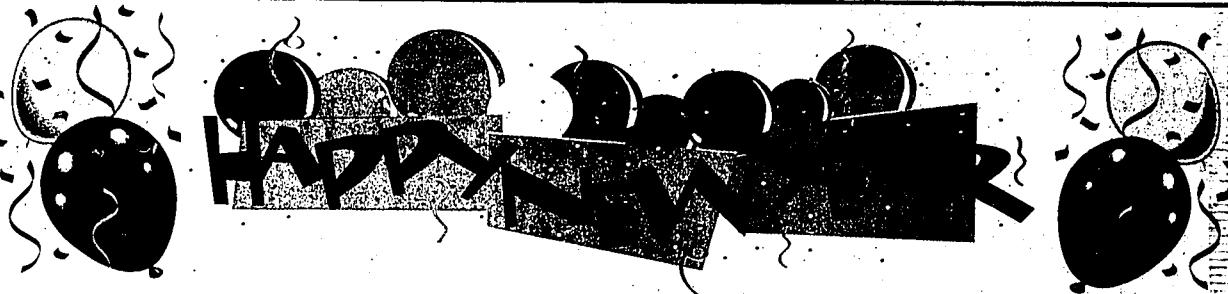
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Business people express optimism

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

In the final days of 2000, some of the Magic Valley's small businesses are counting on hearty growth in the valley to keep them vigorous in 2001.

Others hope for an upturn in agriculture to replenish farmers' wallets and fuel price relief to trim their own costs. And some expect continued difficulty recruiting workers with specialized skills.

"I think it's going to be a great year," said Mark Acker, owner of Sawtooth Animal Center in Bellevue, which plans to spread the word about its high-tech small-animal services in 2001.

A year ago, some Magic Valley small-business owners were counting on post-Y2K relief to free up residents' spending money. As the real millennium turned

approaches, at least one local businesswoman has similar expectations for the long-awaited certainty of the 2000 presidential election.

Published here are the comments of five business people from a variety of industries around the Magic Valley. Some had little time to talk.

"There's so much work. I can only do about half of what comes at me," home remodeler Keith Moller said. "It's just booming here in Twin."

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Outlook 2001

Facility owners tout elder-care option

SHOSHONE — One Shoshone business owner sees herself sitting pretty in an industry that's up-and-coming on the Idaho and national scenes.

"We look forward to an excellent year, in the coming 10 years where the demographics of the area show we're all getting older, and the elderly need a little extra hand," said registered nurse Theresa Pendleton, owner and administrator of DeSano Place.

DeSano, formerly called Shoshone Elder Home Care under other ownership, provides licensed, family-style residential care for the elderly.

It's not a nursing home. With seven residents — and openings for two more — Pendleton's business cooks residents' meals, monitors medications, does laundry and housekeeping and keeps help available around the clock. But residents are mobile, getting out to see their friends and participate in community life, she said.

DeSano also provides day care for the elderly when caretaking family members need a break.

Facilities like Pendleton's don't entirely uproot the elderly folks who need help taking care of themselves, so she expects such facilities — less costly than skilled-nursing ones — to become more popular in the valley.

"You'll see more and more of us in small-town communities," said Pendleton, who bought the decade-old business in July then remodeled and refurbished the home and is expanding facility activities.

Baby boomers, she said, are entrenched in their careers now while trying to care for elderly parents and their own children.

"They just can't do it all, there's too many demands."



Theresa Pendleton, right, measures Gladys Shaw's blood pressure at DeSano Place, an assisted living facility in Shoshone. Pendleton and her husband bought the home in 2000 and think it is a good investment because of the valley's aging population.

I'm hoping that the winter goes well and the farmers get their crops in.

— Marilyn Felt,
Mill End Fabrics

Farm crops, ballot counting affect Burley fabric store

BURLEY — Political uncertainty affects spending, because folks don't know how much money they'll have for necessities, a Burley store owner said.

"In 1999, nobody knew what would happen in 2000" because of the possibility of Y2K computer glitches, said Marilyn Felt, manager of Mill End Fabrics. "This year, nobody knew what would happen with the election."

"Politics always affect what people do, how secure they feel in their future," she said, adding that she thinks most locals were pleased with the presidential election's outcome.

In 2001, Felt said, "I'm hoping that the winter goes well and the farmers get their crops in. I'm hoping for a bright future."

"We're kind of a farming community, so that's a lot of my customers."

Felt said the fabric store's sales mostly stayed steady over the past few years, with a small drop in 2000. If the new year, the store's leaders might regroup.

"You take a look at your inventory," she said. "We might have some wonderful sales."

Bellevue business booms as Blaine County does

BELLEVUE — More people, more pets. And the Wood River Valley is drawing some hearty activity, said Mark Acker, owner of Sawtooth Animal Center in Bellevue.

Headhunter recruiting businesses are expanding, employing people and leasing a lot of office space in the valley, he said. And a strong national economy has brought many second-home and vacation-home owners to this scenic piece of Idaho, thus strengthening the construction industry and services such as landscaping, cleaning and laundry.

"That's really helped my business," Acker said.

The result?

In the past three years, he estimates, the small-animal veterinary clinic has seen revenue climb a total of 30 percent. Part of the credit goes to the clinic's growth in services since it moved into a new building three years ago. But something else is going on.

"We've been growing steadily as the valley has," said Acker, who hired an additional veterinarian in 2000 and is opti-

mistic about 2001. "A reasonable projection for me this year would be 10 to 15 percent growth in gross revenue."

The clinic, with 15 full-time employees, also sells pet supplies and foods, boards dogs and cats and may add other services soon. For example, Acker said, Sawtooth Animal Center is considering physical therapy for dogs, such as those rehabilitating after surgery.

The clinic also wants to inform more animal owners about certain capabilities and equipment it already has.

Acker aims to "expand utilization" — that is, boost the business flow — of the clinic's boarding facility, particularly day care for dogs; of ultrasound

endoscopy, which sends a light source and camera inside an animal's body to examine internal organs and tissues or remove foreign bodies; and of veterinary telemedicine, which digitizes ultrasound pictures of a liver or a heart, for example, to transmit electronically to a specialist anywhere in the country.

Fuel prices are hurting us right now.

— Kim Sobotka,
Sobotka Farms
Transportation

tion with more work, Sobotka said.

Sobotka Farms Transportation was unloading between 500 and 600 rail cars per year until that rate shot up in the past six months to more than 600, she said. She hopes the business holds that ground or gains more in 2001.

Sobotka Farms Transportation makes its business deals with feed companies and usually doesn't deal directly with dairies unless it's hauling beet-pulp products from sugar factories in TV in Falls and Paul, Sobotka added.

The more the trucks run, however, the more fuel they burn.

Labor, fuel are twin troubles for trucking

JEROME — Sobotka Farms Transportation can't find enough good-quality, qualified commercial truck drivers in the Magic Valley.

"And that's what puts us in the biggest bind as far as the trucking industry," said Kim Sobotka, co-owner of the Jerome business.

"Everybody wants to come to work, but they don't want to put any labor into it," said Sobotka, adding she has seen this trouble over time and doesn't mean to offend the company's current drivers.

"You just don't get anybody that wants to work anymore."

Quality of labor, she said, will likely be a challenge again in 2001 for Sobotka Farms Transportation, which long-hauls bulk commodities such as dairy feed and landscaping bark. It also runs local trucks that unload rail cars in Jerome and haul the freight to dairies around the Magic Valley.

Business was up for most of 2000, as more feed companies approached the trucking opera-

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CAREER MOVES

TWIN FALLS - Danna Garcia, formerly of Hair N Nail Works, joined the team at Jaggedge.

Garcia is a regional performing artist for Redken and is trained in the latest design and hair-coloring techniques. When she is not teaching color classes locally or behind the chair, she travels to hair shows and has worked as the lead assistant to Redken National Performing Artists.

Specializing in hair color, color correction, weaves and design, she can be reached at 734-5970.

KETCHUM - Dr. Melani Harker completed oral examinations for full fellowship certification by the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

This exam reviews the skills, knowledge and ability to treat conditions related to women's health and covers both medical and surgical care.

Harker graduated from the University of Utah Medical School, took her residency at Oregon Health and Sciences University and joined The Women's Medical Group in Ketchum in 1998. She works in collaboration with Dr. Ian Ross Donald and the group's nurses and staff. Harker is fluent in Spanish and welcomes the Hispanic-American community to her practice.

To become board certified, a doctor must pass two tests. The first is a written test that shows he or she has the knowledge and skills to treat women. Then he or she must also show experience in treating women's health conditions for two years in practice after residency. At this point, the candidate takes a second test - an oral exam given by a panel of national experts - to qualify for certification by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

TWIN FALLS - Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Jason Lloyd of the Magic Valley Mall store and Elva Padilla of the corporate office from the Certified Professional Jeweler program.

The two employees completed the 11-week course and received certification. The course involves training in all product areas of the jewelry industry, including diamonds, genuine stones, watches and all facets of jewelry making.

TWIN FALLS - Longview Fibre Co. appointed Lawrence J. Urrutia as manager of its new Bowling Green, Ky., container plant, to be constructed for a mid-2001 startup.

Urrutia, who was manager of Longview Fibre's Twin Falls container plant, will transfer to Bowling Green in the spring. His responsibilities for the Bowling Green project are effective immediately, which include assisting in operations planning and overseeing construction of the 300,000-square-foot plant. Urrutia participated in the recent plant ground breaking, where he was introduced to

local officials and business leaders.

Site preparation in the South Central Kentucky Industrial Park has been under way since late November.

Urrutia has 20 years' experience in the manufacture of corrugated shipping containers at Longview's large Idaho box plant. He has managed the Twin Falls operations since 1994. He initially worked at Longview Fibre as a maintenance mechanic and, in 1985, advanced to plant maintenance supervisor before his promotion to plant manager.

Before joining Longview, Urrutia worked as engineering and warehousing supervisor for a high-tech electronics firm in Utah for several years. He graduated from Idaho State University in electronics.

KIMBERLY - Lance Meyers of Specialty Painting Inc. recently received certification as a C2 Coating Specialist while attending The Society of Protective Coatings National Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

Meyers attended presentations on trends and technology for the coating industry. Classes covered the fundamentals of protective coatings for residential, industrial and commercial projects. Topics included: application of different types of products; quality control; product types ideal for coating concrete surfaces as well as steel and wood structures; coatings-project management, including contracts, specifications, coating selection and project participants' roles; environmental and safety issues; coating failures and analysis; evaluation of corrosion; and corrosion control through selection of coating products.

Specialty Painting, owned by Meyers, has served the Magic Valley since 1987, specializing in sandblasting, maintenance coating for the food-processing industry, tank coating, flooring systems and residential projects.

KIMBERLY - Administrative officer Earl T. Morris will retire from the USDA-ARS, Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory in Kimberly Jan. 3.

After service in the U.S. Navy, Morris started his career with ARS as a procurement/supply clerk for the Animal Disease Eradication Division in Salt Lake City in 1959. He moved to the U.S. Rabbit Experiment Station at Fontana, Calif., in 1960; in 1965 was appointed administrative assistant at the Boll Weevil Research Laboratory in State College, Miss., and in 1966 had a similar position at Prosser, Wash.; in 1969 became the location's administrative officer in Pullman, Wash., and in 1974 the area administrative officer for the Oregon-Washington/Pacific Northwest Area in Pullman; in 1984 was appointed the Northwest budget and fiscal officer in Portland, Ore.; and in 1987 moved to Kimberly to be

the Northwest Soil scientist. Kristian Aase will retire from the Northwest Irrigation and Soils Research Laboratory in Kimberly Jan. 3.

He received a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Brigham Young University in 1958, a master's degree in soils from the University of Minnesota in 1960, and a doctorate in agronomy (soil physics) in 1967 from Colorado State University. He began his ARS career in 1967 as a research soil scientist, moving to Sidney, Mont., in 1967 to later serve as research leader and location coordinator from 1981 to 1994. Aase transferred to Kimberly in 1994.

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the NWISRL administrative officer.

During some years since then, his responsibilities included administrative support to the Burns Ore. and Bear locations.

During his career, Morris integrated computers in the workplace by developing and implementing software that improved work efficiency, and he participated in creation and debugging of several automated systems for the agency. In addition, he developed an automated system for managing and reporting imprest funds; a blanket order management and reporting system; a chemical inventory program; a personal property inventory program; a vehicle management and reporting program; and accounts tracking and reconciliation systems for logging purchase card transactions and other local bookkeeping or billing processes.

BOISE - Steven G. Devejian was named senior portfolio manager and director of Key Asset Management for the Idaho district of KeyBank NA, which has Magic Valley branches.

Devejian is responsible for investing the assets of accounts managed under trust and agency agreements. Accounts include individuals, corporations, foundations and endowments.

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remote sensing measurements can be used to separate spring wheat, winter wheat, oats, barley and native range at specific times during the growing season; demonstrated the practicality, profitability and reliability of annual cropping systems on the northern Great Plains; and showed how soil, tillage and crop residue management systems can control irrigation-induced soil erosion under both surface and sprinkler irrigation systems.

Recent studies at Kimberly include identifying the relationships between soil phosphorus availability and management practices, and phosphorus runoff losses in irrigated systems.

RUPERT - D.L. Evans Bank promoted Dan Lloyd to vice president and manager of the Rupert office at 318 S. Oneida.

Lloyd attended high school in Montana before moving to Idaho to attend Ricks College. He transferred to Brigham Young University, where he received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics.

Lloyd has been involved in banking for 13 years. He began his banking career with an Idaho financial institution as a loan collector and was promoted to loan officer. He joined D.L. Evans Bank in 1993 as assistant manager and commercial/agricultural loan officer in the Burley office.

Lloyd is a member of the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce and Mini-Cassia Community Chest. He is co-chairman of the Minidoka School Facility Committee and active in Boy Scouts of America and his local church.

Lloyd and his family are originally from Almo. He and his wife, Cindy, have lived in the Paul area for 12 years and have four children.

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News this year honored five employees in its news and advertising departments.

• Carol Dumas, as employee of the year, received a \$1,000 bonus.

Dumas has worked as a journalist for nearly 15 years, beginning her career as a reporter/photographer at a weekly newspaper in Pine Bluff, Ark. She ended her tenure there as news editor when she relocated to Idaho with her family. In Idaho Falls, she was edi-

tor of Intermountain Farm & Ranch before coming to The Times-News as editor of Magic Valley Ag Weekly in March 1997.

She also does freelance writing and photography for national magazines, including Dairy Today, Beef Today, Successful Farming and Western Horseman. Dumas has won numerous journalism, professional and civic awards.

She is a board member and past president of the Idaho Press Club, an advisory-board member of the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame, a member of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's agribusiness committee and chairwoman of the annual Twin Falls Agriculture Appreciation banquet.

A native of New Orleans, Dumas lives in Twin Falls with her three sons.

The Times-News' 2000 employees of the quarter each received a \$250 bonus.

• Karla Ray Stewart has been an advertising sales representative at The Times-News for 13 years. She also attends the College of Southern Idaho part time, seeking a degree in water resource management.

• Linda Fischer is a senior advertising sales representative whose career has spanned more than 25 years at the newspaper, mostly as a sales representative. She helps advertisers promote their businesses through creative marketing and advertising concepts. She is a team leader and mentor in her department.

• Pat Marcantonio, a longtime Magic Valley news reporter, has worked for The Times-News as a reporter and currently is editor of the community pages and Comunidad.

She also worked as a news reporter for KMVT-TV and a local radio station and was a correspondent for The Idaho Statesman and executive editor for the North Side News, Gooding County Leader and Minidoka County Journal.

• Bruce Whiting, news editor at The Times-News, supervises a staff of copy editors and designers who create all news, feature and sports pages in the paper. He also edits the paper's national and international news.

• Bruce Whiting arrived at The Times-News in 1988 and was regional editor for two years before moving to the news desk. He took over the supervisory position two years ago.

Whiting is a guy who can smile when things go wrong probably just going off shift.

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BSU slates business courses

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Boise State University will offer a selection of upper-division business courses for the spring semester through its Twin Falls program, at the College of Southern Idaho.

BSU offers all upper-division courses needed for students to complete a bachelor's degree in either accounting or general business management. The evening courses are offered one night per week.

Courses being offered: ACC302 Survey of Federal Income Taxation, ACC305 Internal Auditing, CIS310 Introduction to Computer Information Systems, ECON303 Intermediate Microeconomics, FINAN303 Principles of Finance, FINAN410 Working Capital Management, GENBUS305 Law for Accountants II, GENBUS450 Business Policies, MGMT410 Seminar on Organizational Leadership and OPERMGT345 Production Management.

For a complete information packet, contact Shari Stroud, BSU's Twin Falls program coordinator, at 733-9554, Ext. 2284, or at sstroud@csci.edu.

MILESTONES

A.G. Edwards' economic report forecasts 2001

TWIN FALLS - While the year 2000 gave a lot of bad news to the financial markets, 2001 brings the promise of good news in the form of a healthier economy, according to a report prepared by A.G. Edwards' top investment strategists and economists.

"The combination of high energy prices, interest rate increases and the continued turmoil in the stock market from gaining momentum this year," said Gary Thayer, A.G. Edwards' chief economist. "Fortunately, the economy is reaching a key point where it is slowing but still growing. This type of healthy economic environment historically has been very good for both stocks and bonds."

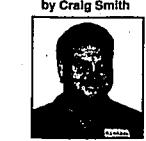
A.G. Edwards' report, titled "2001 Economic Outlook and Market Strategy," is available at no cost by calling the A.G. Edwards Twin Falls office at 733-6019.

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THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith



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Weekly watch

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the week.

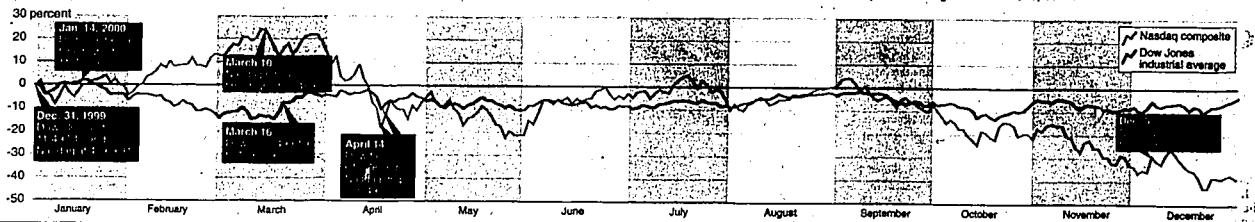
| Symbol | Description | Friday's Close | Previous Friday | Weekly change | 52-week high-low | Annual Yield |
|--------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| ABG | AMERICAN BONS. | 5 1/8 | 5 1/4 | -1/8 | 5 1/8 - 5 1/2 | 2.87% |
| ACFA | AMERISTAR | 20 | 22 1/2 | -2 1/2 | 28 3/10 - 15 1/10 | 3.40% |
| COST | CONAGRA | 15 1/8 | 15 1/2 | -1/8 | 20 1/2 - 12 1/2 | 3.40% |
| FD | FEDERATED | 35 | 31 1/8 | 3 7/8 | 53 7/8 - 21 | NA |
| HDI | HARVEY-DAYSON | 30 1/4 | 45 10/16 | -1 1/2 | 48 - 30 1/16 | 3.31% |
| HD | HOME DEPOT | 45 11/16 | 41 5/8 | 4 1/16 | 70 - 34 1/16 | 3.35% |
| IDB | IDAHO BANC | 12 1/2 | 12 1/2 | 0 | 12 1/2 - 10 1/2 | 3.70% |
| JCP | J.C. PENNEY | 10 7/8 | 10 3/16 | 1 1/16 | 12 1/2 - 10 1/2 | 12.57% |
| JPR | JP REALTY | 15 3/4 | 15 3/4 | 0 | 18 15/16 - 15 3/8 | 4.00% |
| KM | KMART | 20 1/2 | 20 1/2 | 0 | 22 1/2 - 18 1/2 | NA |
| KR | KRISTEN | 27 1/16 | 28 5/8 | -1/16 | 27 15/16 - 14 1/16 | NA |
| LWV | LAWSON READY | 12 1/2 | 13 7/8 | -1/2 | 17 3/4 - 10 9/16 | 3.06% |
| LFB | LONGVIEW FIBRE | 3 1/2 | 32 11/16 | -3 1/2 | 35 5/8 - 20 3/8 | 8.62% |
| MU | MICROTECH | 34 | 34 | 0 | 37 1/2 - 27 1/2 | NA |
| OMX | OFFICEMAX | 2 7/8 | 3 3/16 | 5/16 | 7 1/2 - 1 1/2 | NA |
| O | OVEST | 4 1/4 | 5 7/8 | -1/4 | 33 3/4 - 10 1/2 | 7.8% |
| RAD | RITE AID | 2 3/8 | 2 1/8 | 1/4 | 6 1/2 - 12 1/4 - 3 1/4 | 10.37% |
| S | SHAW | 5 | 4 9/10 | 7/10 | 12 1/2 - 10 1/2 | 2.05% |
| BKO | SHOPKO | 5 | 5 | 0 | 12 1/2 - 10 1/2 | NA |
| SKW | SKWEST | 20 3/4 | 20 1/4 | 3/2 | 30 3/2 - 12 9/16 | 2.28% |
| TST | STAPLES | 10 1/2 | 10 1/2 | 0 | 12 1/2 - 10 1/2 | NA |
| UNP | UNION PACIFIC | 50 3/4 | 51 | 1/4 | 62 13/16 - 34 1/4 | 1.58% |
| USW | UNITED SW. CORP. | 29 3/16 | 29 1/2 | 5/16 | 30 1/2 - 18 7/8 | 2.08% |
| WMT | WAL-MART | 28 7/16 | 28 13/16 | -3/8 | 29 7/16 - 14 6/8 | 3.62% |
| WFB | WABCO, FEDERAL | 8 1/2 | 8 1/2 | 0 | 12 1/2 - 8 3/10 | NA |
| WFC | WELLS FARGO | 58 11/16 | 58 1/16 | 5/16 | 60 1/2 - 53 1/2 | 1.20% |
| ZION | ZIONS BANCORP | 62 7/16 | 61 3/4 | 1/4 | 63 1/4 - 32 | NA |

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The year on Wall Street

The end of Wall Street's love affair with high-tech and the Internet plus investors' ongoing consternation about interest rates gave the stock market its worst loss in years, including the Nasdaq composite's biggest yearly drop since it came into being in 1971. The Dow Jones Industrials also suffered from intense volatility, but ended 2000 with a relatively modest decline. Here are the percent changes since Dec. 31, 1999.



Sources: MSN MoneyCentral; CSI Inc.

U.S. stock investors nurse their wounds

Knight Ridder News Service

The U.S. stock market finished the year Friday in a far, far darker place than where it began.

Virtually an entire fourth quarter of declining stock prices — especially in the technology sector — dragged all the major indexes deep into negative terrain for 2000, leaving many investors confused and uncertain about the new year.

The much-maligned Nasdaq composite index closed out the year's last trading day as it has many times over the last three months: with a loss. This means the once popular index of mostly technology companies recorded its biggest yearly loss ever — 39.3 percent. The previous record loss was 35.1 percent in 1974.

And this was the biggest decline in one of the three major indexes since the Standard & Poor's 500 dropped 47 percent in 1931, during the Great Depression.

"This has been incredibly painful," said Rob Shoss, portfolio manager of the Houston-based Ains Large-Cap Growth mutual fund.

"Investors have sold off everything indiscriminately because they are fearing that it's only a matter of time before the economy slows and all companies are affected."

For much of the year, investors suspended traditional investing standards of buying good companies with profits and market share. Instead, a manic manager of day traders and

momentum players pushed stock valuations to ludicrous levels on companies with precious little hope of ever earning a cent, said Jim Weiss, chief investment officer at State Street Research & Management Co. in Boston.

"They were investing in concepts, not companies with real earnings, and that had to be adjusted," he said.

The Nasdaq dropped 87.24 points Friday to close at 2,470.52, leaving it 51 percent below its all-time high of 5,048 hit on March 10. The Dow lost 81.91 points to

close at 10,786.85, leaving it down 6.2 percent for the year, its first annual loss since 1990. The blue-chip index of 30 companies is about 1,000 points below its peak of 11,722.98 hit on Jan. 14.

And the broader Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 13.94 points Friday, or 1 percent, to close at 1,320.28. The S&P lost 10.1 percent for the year. Volume on the New York Stock Exchange totaled 1.02 billion shares.

The Dow and S&P actually have been holding up relatively well compared with the Nasdaq, and many market experts had

hoped a year-end rally might push them into positive territory.

But a sustained rally never materialized, and many market experts aren't expecting much upward momentum going into the new year. The major point of uncertainty involves the health of the U.S. economy and whether a recession lies in waiting.

The nation's economy, which grew at a 5.5 percent clip for much of 2000, slowed to a 2.5 percent pace in the fourth quarter. A recession is defined as two consecutive quarters of negative growth.

"The longest economic expansion in the history of the United States will face its most severe test yet in 2001," said Don Hilber, an economist for Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis. "If a recession

is avoided, it will be because businesses and consumers do not panic this year."

Mr. Weiss said the stock market is troubled at the moment, because it can't sort out what the true rate of economic growth will be in 2001 or the true rate of profit growth.

Investors hoping for a better 2001 might be somewhat reassured to know that since 1946 only once have stocks fallen in two consecutive years. In 1973, the S&P dropped 17.4 percent and then dropped an additional 27.9 percent in 1974.

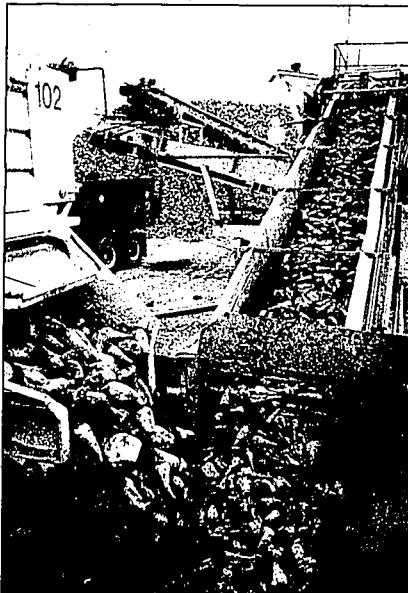
But on average the S&P rises 16.7 percent after a down year, and most recently the S&P's 1.5 percent loss in 1994 was followed by a 34.1 percent gain the next year.

2000 proved costly for most

Ag Weekly

TWIN FALLS — This past year has been one of turmoil for most farmers and ranchers in the Magic Valley. For the most part prices came in below cost of production. Milk prices hovered \$2 below break-even, affecting not only dairymen, but crop farmers who sell them feed. Even sugar beets, long heralded as the valley's salvation crop, suffered hard times as sugar prices dropped and grower returns in the still fledgling Snake River Sugar co-op grew to offset losses.

The only real bright spot in



Ag photo by CAROLE STAN CUMMINS

say the price jump comes nowhere close to making up for huge losses in the years previous and rising costs. Hay held steady, despite falling prices in the dairy sector, and wiener hay even enjoyed an appealing increase in price.

Environmental issues also marked the year, with all sectors battling negative public opinion and mounting regulations.

Overall, a summary of the past year, by commodity scores more lows than highs.

Dairy producers suffered a double whammy with record-low milk prices and public animosity. Prices were painfully below cost of production all year. In addition, the dairy industry was plagued by complaints over odor and the handling of waste. Demand for tighter regulation and narrower zoning laws were the order of the day.

It was a mixed bag for grain growers. Production was up, but prices remained down. The industry scored a few gains in international trade with foreign markets opening up, but lost a few as well with the hoopla over GMO grains.

Potato growers took a big hit again this year. An unanticipated huge crop saw prices plummet. In addition imports of process-grade potatoes outnumbered domestic production. Growers failed in an initial attempt at a federal diversion program and are now going it alone to try to remove some product from the market.

"A little below average" is how bean commissioner Ken Bean sums up the year 2000. Bean prices are still depressed, and because of an unusually hot summer, production was down. Acres were significantly down from '99, too, which meant less of the com-

modity on the market, High said.

Prices for pinto — by far Idaho's most widely grown commercial bean — stayed at \$15 per hundredweight most of the year, rising to \$18 for a couple of months during and immediately after harvest.

Though Amalgamated shareholders were unhappy with a 25-percent dip in sugar prices at year's beginning, they were able to make up for some of that with record production. An early spring contributed to a company average of 29 tons per acre and sugar content into the 17-percent range. The result is that factories have about 7 percent to 8 percent more beets to slice this winter.

Hay held steady despite an ailing dairy market. Buyers are becoming pickier and more aggressive in their pricing, but growers were still able to sell premium and mixer hay at a good price. Wiener hay jumped a healthy \$10 to \$15 from last year, and growers picked up a little unexpected business due to fire and drought on grazing land.

Despite the grazing challenges, Cattle proved a bright spot in the mostly dismal agricultural saga this year. Prices climbed, settling in the \$1.10 to \$1.20 range

for 450 to 500 lb steers. With break-even in the 90s and prices just at that last year after falling well below for several years earlier, cattlemen were on top of the cycle, making a decent profit. Continuing consolidation in the industry kept producers uneasy, however, as they watched buying power concentrate.

Pork also showed improvement, with prices in the 40-cent per pound range this year after the pitiful 13 cents per pound producers were getting last year. The increase is welcome but doesn't make up for years of losses in that sector. Hog producers also had the dubious honor of the first livestock sector to be the focus of an all out public and legislative initiative to enact state guidelines for CAFOs.

Sheep prices also improved, bringing some much-needed relief to producers. Congressional support to restructure the industry also lightened the load.

Aquaculture fared well with trout prices maintaining at a profitable trend. Industry insiders are growing anxious, however, as the economy softens and history tells them consumers are less likely to buy seafood in tough times.

Be it resolved, the New Year will be prosperous — and thrifty

NEW YORK (AP) — Let's face it, we're weak.

It's tough to make meaningful New Year's resolutions — and even tougher to keep them.

So The Associated Press asked more than a half dozen consumer experts to come up with some resolutions for us. Consumers might use them to start on the path to a prosperous and thrifty new year.

From Durant Abernethy, president of the National Foundation for Consumer Counseling (800 388-2227, www.nfcc.org):

Let's do a better job of budgeting for unexpected expenses that can wind up on interest-charging credit cards. If you don't have an emergency savings account, you are going to have to borrow money every time your car breaks down, a major appliance gives out or the roof leaks. Unfortunately, that is what a lot of Americans do.

The solution is to build a "rainy day" savings account, and it's easier than you think. Deposit \$20 a week in a savings account that earns 5 percent interest, and you will have \$13,700 in 10 years and \$131,900 in 40.

From Greg McBride, financial analyst at Bankrate Inc. (www.bankrate.com):

Strive to accumulate an emergency savings fund that would cover living expenses of three

six months. It's a good idea to keep the equivalent of three months expenses in a high-yielding money market account, and any more in a three-month certificate of deposit.

From Kelly Presta, vice president at Visa U.S.A.:

The new year inspires people to make changes, often improvements in life. Money management is always a popular choice. A Web site from Visa can help make heads and tails of financial matters

www.PracticalMoneySkills.com. The site's free games, online calculators and curriculum will help anyone get a better handle on their finances.

From Gordon Stewart, president of the Insurance Information Institute (www.iii.org):

This year, I will review my insurance to make sure it has kept up with my life. I will tell my insurance professional about the improvements to my home. I will finally do an inventory of my worldly possessions. I will read my policies. This year, I will do it.

From Laurence Foster, chairman of the personal financial specialist committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants:

It's time for me to do the planning that will affect the rest of my

life ... I resolve to do my retirement and estate planning. That means preparing a will and figuring out who'll best care for my kids — including financially — making sure my family has the financial protection they'll need through life insurance, and making sure that the government doesn't get all my money!

From Ed Slobot, editor of Ed Slobot's IRA Advisor in Rockville Centre, N.Y.:

This year, I will obtain a copy of the Individual Retirement Account beneficiary form for each IRA I own. I will make sure that I have named a primary beneficiary and a secondary (contingent) beneficiary for each one. I will make sure that the financial institution has my beneficiary selections on file and that my funds agree with my choices. I will keep a copy of all my IRA beneficiary forms, and I will let my beneficiaries know where to locate the forms. I'll review them at least once a year.

From Rhoda Karpatskin, president of the Consumers Union, which publishes Consumer Reports magazine (www.consumer.org):

Find new ways to enjoy life without buying more stuff. Check out how much pleasure you can get from helping to make your community a better place.

Accountants anticipate new tax year

Knight Ridder News Service

taking losses and, more generally, how losses work.

Individuals may use investment losses to offset capital gains, or taxable appreciation, in other assets. Also, taxpayers may use end losses to deduct up to \$3,000 in taxable income per year.

Investors must sell the securities before the end of the year to claim the loss for the 2000 tax year, experts say.

The deadline? Friday, since Dec. 30 and 31 this year fall on Saturday and Sunday.

Those rules still leave room for questions, experts say.

Some clients don't realize they can carry over their investment losses each year in perpetuity, said Hank Hulsoor, director of H&R Block's Premium office in Stockton.

Wardell has gotten several calls daily for the part several days concerning deadlines for

That means a client with a \$10,000 loss can offset a capital gain of \$5,000 and make a \$5,000 income deduction this year, then make a \$2,000 deduction next year, for example, he said.

Some people don't realize that the \$3,000 limit is an absolute maximum, said Craig Mizuno of Mizuno CPA in Tracy.

Also, the Internal Revenue Service will not take the sale on the actual trade date, nor the so-called settlement date, which can appear on investment statements as the date in which funds actually change hands.

Some investors have both capital gains and losses this year because they sold early, prompting a gain, but have since reinvested money into an instrument that went bust.



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Heady years leave some hangover pains

Many of the year's top stories tell of a rapid fall from grace

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't too long ago that "irrational exuberance" made for heady days on Wall Street.

In 2000, investors' flight from the market only made for daily headaches.

"After a 1999 that was the economic equivalent of Mardi Gras, 2000 proved to be the achy morning after — when the nation's investors and executives awoke to find their wallets half-empty, their dignity more than a little rumpled and their temples throbbing."

That collective swoon was a consistent theme in many of the top business stories of 2000, ranked by U.S. newspaper and broadcast editors in a survey by The Associated Press.

The biggest business story of the year was the downfall of the once mighty stock market, a plumbet that claimed \$3 trillion in investor wealth. But misery loves company, and there was plenty of other troublesome business news among the stories chosen by the editors.

This was the year, after all, when energy prices soared nearly as fast as dot-com ventures soured, and the year when crises involving tire failures on SUVs and airport delays bedeviled the car and manufacturer and airlines.

Not that there wasn't good news, too, particularly regard low unemployment, a sign of just how strong the economy remained. But after all that euphoria, this past year may well be remembered most for its disappointments.

Here, according to the AP survey of editors, are the top 10 business stories of 2000:

1. STOCKS DIVE: After several phenomenal years, a generation of new investors was introduced to the painful phenomenon of losses. The Dow Jones industrial average surged to nearly 12,000 and the Nasdaq composite index motored past 5,000 in the early months of the year. But doubts about technology companies and

the economy popped the bubble. **2. DOT-COM SHAKOUT:** For a while there, it seemed any company with a .com at the end of its name was charmed. The magic wore off as pressures to show profits exposed the weakness of many ventures, leading to layoffs and cutbacks and even the end of some dot-coms. The casualties included Furniture.com, Pets.com, ValueAmerica.com.

3. TIRE RECALL: Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone began a massive recall after investigators blamed tire separations for accidents in the automaker's popular

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Explorer sport-utility vehicle. The accidents claimed at least 148 lives in the United States, according to federal investigators. Ford blames Firestone, but the tiremaker says the auto manufacturer also failed in setting faulty load limits for the Explorer.

4. OIL SOARS: The last time Americans were paying oil prices like these was during the 1991 Gulf War. This time, strong economic growth drove demand and prices soared as oil-producing nations held a tight rein on supplies. The result was gasoline prices surpassing \$2 a gallon in some parts of the country, and a winter that promised consumers record-high costs for heating oil and natural gas.

5. MICROSOFT SPLIT-UP ORDERED: Agreeing with the case made by federal regulators, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ruled in June that Microsoft was an unfair monopoly that must be broken up. Legal experts said the battle

could lead to the biggest government-ordered restructuring since the AT&T split-up in 1984, but it was not yet clear how vigorously the incoming Bush administration would pursue the case.

6. AOL-TIME WARNER MERGER: The largest deal in U.S. corporate history was still pending at year's end, but won the approval of regulators after exacting concessions to protect consumers.

7. INTEREST RATES: Stung by high interest rates, investors and businesses hung on Alan Greenspan's every word, listening for hints of a change in Federal Reserve policy. The year ended with the Fed declaring its fear of inflation eased, but with rates unchanged.

8. RECORD-LOW UNEMPLOYMENT: The ranks of the jobless fell to a minuscule 3.9 percent this full and was at just 4 percent as the year ended, levels never seen before.

9. FLORIDA SMOKERS' VERDICT: A jury ordered tobacco companies to pay a record \$145 billion to smokers and their families, a penalty the companies say could put them out of business.

10. AIRLINE PASSENGER WOES: Overloaded airports, airline labor problems and other problems saddled the flying public with a year of flight delays that never seemed to ease.

The following stories filled out the list of the top 20:

11. (tie) U.S. approves permanent normalized trade relations with China; and United Airlines-U.S. Airlines merged.

12. Napster online music sharing controversy

13. Biotech corn turns up in food products

14. Corporate profits hit a wall

15. Y2K goes with few hitches

16. AT&T Restructures itself

17. Lucent missteps cut earnings, cost CEO's job

18. Ford acknowledges environmental, safety problems in SUVs

19. Baby Bells win entry to long-distance market.

2000 was big year for mutual fund industry, despite downturn

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been a miserable year for the stock market, but mutual fund companies may be able to salvage some good news from 2000.

Although Wall Street's hemorrhage pulled some stock funds down more than 50 percent this year, the overall mutual fund business is still poised to end 2000 with some positive records.

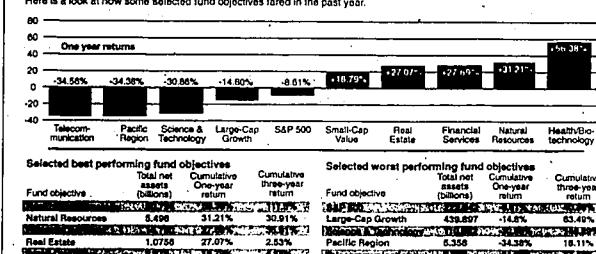
About \$306 billion in new investment came into stock funds in 2000, according to preliminary figures from TrimTabs.com Investment Research. That's 63 percent ahead of the nearly \$188 billion in new investment made in 1999 and more than three times higher than the \$227 billion in 1997, the previous best year.

The biggest chunk of that money came in the first quarter, as investors poured \$93 billion into stock funds to keep up with the rocketing Nasdaq composite index. Activity cooled off considerably later in the year amid the stock market's downturn.

"A lot of these do-it-yourself investors yanked their money out of their own accounts and decided to resort to the professional

Best, worst of 2000

Here is a look at how some selected fund objectives fared in the past year.



All figures as of Dec. 26, 2000
Source: Lipper Inc.

money management of mutual funds," said Ray Shaalan, senior mutual fund analyst for Wiesenberger, Thomson Financial. "And, despite all this turmoil in the markets, many mutual fund investors backed by their financial advisors and institutions

view this as a buying opportunity."

The number of investment choices also grew in 2000.

There were 4,324 U.S. stock

funds at the end of October, compared with 3,847 at the end of 1999, said John Collins of the Investment Company Institute, an industry group.

The biggest asset growth came in aggressive growth stock funds, which contained \$121 billion as of October, compared with \$34.3 billion in all of 1999, according to the ICI's most recent data. While many of those funds were hammered during the end-of-year market decline, they continue to attract money.

"We are seeing a greater inflow to aggressive growth and income funds, including during November and December," said Carl Wittneber, director of research at TrimTabs.com. "Investors are afraid of missing out on the next big rally."

One of the year's biggest fund scandals also came in October, when Heartland Advisors marked down two high-yield municipal bond funds, slashing their values overnight.

"They weren't huge funds, but the thing is one expects losses like that in a muni bond. I think it was a bit of a shock," said Russel Kinnel, director of fund analysis

at Morningstar.

Sheldon Jacobs, publisher of the "No-Load Fund Investor," identifies two mutual fund industry trends in 2000.

"If a fund group has three or four funds that are somewhat similar, they're just merging them into one," he said pointing to the consolidation of funds by companies or with fund families at the same company.

He also sees a future with fewer no-load funds, which charge investors lower fees, partly because of consolidation and partly because of consumers' willingness to pay for pricier load funds.

"These new investors may not understand how expensive the advice is," Jacobs said.

One high-profile example is Scudder Kemper, which as of Dec. 29, will close its no-load funds to new customers.

The prognosis for 2001 will depend a lot of the market, believes Kinnel, the Morningstar expert.

POINT OF LAW

By Tom Kershaw

INURY AT THE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Question: My husband and I attended his employer's Christmas party. There was a live band. While dancing, my husband tripped over an extension cord and hurt his back so bad he had to be hospitalized. He was seriously hurt and won't be able to work for months. What can we do?

Answer: You might have an action against the band or its members if they placed the cord on the dance floor. The question is whether they have insurance coverage or any money.

The more interesting question is whether you have a worker's compensation claim. The Idaho Supreme Court held in one 1983 case that a worker who choked on dead food at his employer's Christmas party was within the course and scope of employment and his husband could make a worker's compensation claim. Two years later, the same court considered a case in which an employee at his Christmas party got drunk and started several fights. He was so obnoxious that his co-workers forced him outside and into his pickup. He drove away, got stuck in a field and froze to death during the night. In that case, the Court held that there was no worker's compensation claim.

Your situation seems more like the first than the second case, and you certainly should consider filing a worker's compensation claim.

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Ergonomics standard aims to eliminate disorders

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When Faith Reeder knits, her hands turn numb and her fingers go into a spasm. She can no longer sleep because of the pain.

Reeder, 59, got carpal tunnel syndrome after working as a gardener for the U.S. Department of Agriculture for 15 years. Doing grafting and layering of fruit trees, her work involved using clippers, razors and knives to make minute cuts on the bark.

Reeder had surgery on one hand, but it didn't correct the condition. Because she was incapable of working, she lost her job. Now she gets disability pay, which she says is a fourth of what her salary was. "If I didn't have my husband, I wouldn't be able to survive," said the Redland, Fla., resident.

Citing the 1.8 million workers with disabilities caused by repetitive motion jobs including gardening, packing and typing, the Clinton administration issued a new ergonomics standard in November, one of the most extensive pieces of labor legislation in 30 years.

The guidelines say that 5.5 million workplaces nationwide must provide free medical care to workers with musculoskeletal disorders (MSD) and must compensate them with up to 90 days of employer-paid sick leave on the job. They must design and implement comprehensive ergonomics programs, teach their workers about the symptoms and risks of cumulative trauma disorders, and move employees who can't perform the tasks to lighter jobs.

The principle of ergonomics is that by fitting the job to the worker through adjusting a work station, rotating between jobs or using mechanical assists, MSDs can be reduced and ultimately eliminated.

While labor groups hailed the measure as a historic advance in worker protection, business organizations are already in court challenging the new standards, which go into effect on Jan. 16 and will be phased in over four years. They say the proposal is costly and won't accomplish what it set out to do.

"The cornerstone of the law is that there's no consensus in the scientific and medical communities over the causes of ergonomic injuries," said Pat Cleary, vice president of human resources policy at the National Association of Manufacturers, one of the groups challenging the rules. "It's going to cost money with no impact on safety."

The government estimates the standard will cost \$4.5 billion a year to implement, but the American Trucking Association figures the cost to trucking alone would be more than \$6 billion. Food Distributors International said the cost to its members will be \$25 billion. The Employment Policy Foundation estimates the cost to be \$100 billion a year for all of business.

Charles Jeffress, head of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the agency responsible for the regulation, says it will save companies \$9.1 billion a year, while sparing workers pain.

"The ergonomics programs improve productivity, and result in less workers compensation, less employee turnover, and less time loss," he said, adding that the provision will encourage people to come forward earlier and report these injuries, while reassuring them that their pay will be continued.

More than policy, the ergonomics debate has become a hot political issue. President-elect George W. Bush could take measures to lighten the burden on business.

By reducing physical demands that exceed the physical capacity of workers, OSHA expects its new ergonomics standard to prevent about 460,000 cases of MSD each year, and to protect the 60 million workers employed at workplaces that have yet to address ergonomic standards.

"It's a tragedy it took this long," said Eric Grunin, safety director for the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees. "Millions of workers suffered injuries. We should have had a standard five years ago."

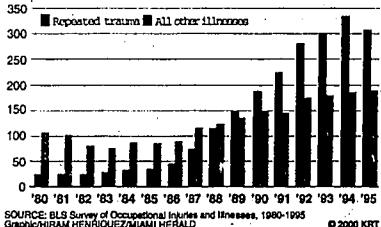
Many companies contend that they already have ergonomic standards in place, including training and ergonomically fit workstations.

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Workplace Illnesses

In the past decade, the number of U.S. workplace injuries related to repetitive stress has risen markedly.

Number of illnesses, in thousands



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Lauderdale company that runs call centers throughout the country, for instance, replaces its chairs every three years. It gives ergonomic training and provides wheelchair access if a job requires a lot of typing.

But OSHA says this may not be enough, should just one worker report an MSD injury.

It considers using a keyboard or mouse in a steady manner for more than four hours a day hazardous work. Other MSD risks include lifting more than 75 pounds at any one time, pushing or pulling more than 20 pounds of initial force, kneeling or squatting for more than two hours a day, and using tools with high vibration levels, such as jack hammers, for more than 30 minutes during a day.

While keeping extensive

records of employee injury reports and the evaluations of ergonomic programs, the readjustments that companies must make include replacing furniture, redesigning factories, and changing work tools, should one employee complain.

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they will be the greatest losers. Larry Levine, vice president of operations of Hollywood-based BrandSMART, says the rule goes too far and undermines the company's workers' compensation system by setting up MSD as the preferred injury type.

"It will create an undue burden in terms of operating costs on all businesses, and it will reduce the competitiveness in the world market place," Levine said. "The government is intruding on private industry. It's way over the line."

OSHA first proposed the standard for public comment a year ago. Business groups and Republicans in Congress call the ruling a swift political move to get the new president passed off.

"They rushed to get out the rule. They've ambushed folks," said Kim Bousquet, manager of regulatory policy of the National Federation of Independent Business, a small business coalition, that says OSHA didn't address the concerns of the small business community.

But OSHA denies it was a

political move, saying that talk of the ergonomics standard goes back to 1989, when the Bush administration started the rule making process.

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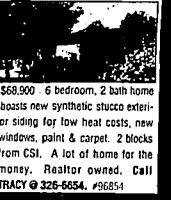
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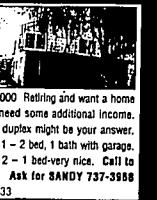
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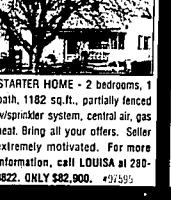
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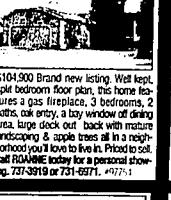
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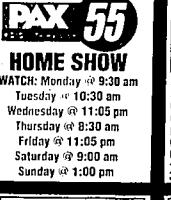
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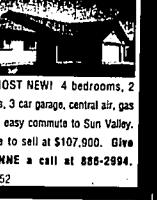
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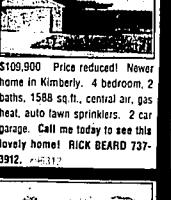
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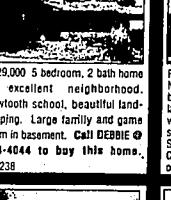
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Bobby Wolf

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Partner opens one spade, RHO doubles, and LHO cue-bids two spades. With our side silent, RHO bids three clubs. LHO repeats his cue-bid in spades, and RHO bids four hearts. LHO bids five diamonds, and RHO corrects to six clubs. When partner ends the auction with a double, what should I lead from? ♠ A-9-7-4-3, ♠ 8-6-2, ♠ 9-7-5, ♠ J-8-2?

For You Weather, Little Rock, Ark.

ANSWER: Partner's double (Lightner) bans the lead of his suit or a trump. So the choice is between hearts and diamonds. Is partner void in diamonds, or does he have the A-K in hearts? A diamond void is unlikely since RHO denied diamond support. My vote goes to a heart lead—if partner has the A-K or A-Q of diamonds, he rates to score them away.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I deal and open one club with ♠ A-K-10-9-8, ♠ A-7, ♠ 10, ♠ K-Q-J-9-5. LHO overcalls one diamond. Partner raises to two clubs, and RHO bids two diamonds. I rebid two spades and partner bids three clubs. RHO persists to three diamonds, and I bid three spades.

ANSWER: Dropping a queen under partner's king promises the jack or a singleton. It requires a partner to underlead his ace at the next trick.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Partner opens one heart, and my RHO overcalls one no-trump. If I bid a suit over the overcall, is it a forcing bid?

No Defense, Highstown, N.J.

ANSWER: No. Dropping a queen under partner's king promises the jack or a singleton. It requires a partner to underlead his ace at the next trick.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Partner opens one heart, and my RHO overcalls one no-trump. If I bid a suit over the overcall, is it a forcing bid?

No Defense, Highstown, N.J.

ANSWER: No, it is not. If you have enough strength to force partner, the only way to show it is to begin with a penalty double.

No Encouragement, Jackson, Miss.

ANSWER: I would definitely bid the club game. After all, partner did promise something when he bid two clubs, and whatever he holds is not likely to be in spades or diamonds. Most likely, he has heart help and at least four clubs, probably five. It also good news to know partner does not have three spades.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

RHO opens one spade, and I double with ♠ K-7, ♠ 10-9-6, ♠ A-K-

♦ Q-J-10-8-5. LHO passes and

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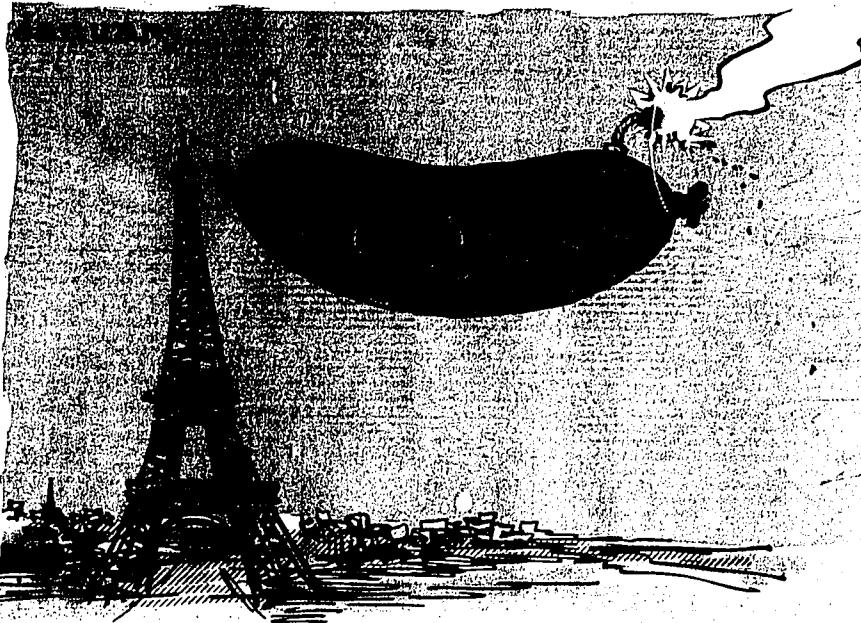
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Looking back on the year 2000, we have to say that, all things considered, it was pretty good.

No, hold it! We just received some late returns in from the 159th manual recounting of the ballots of Palm Beach County, and it turns out that, by a slim margin, it was actually a bad year. So we're glad that it's finally ...

Whoops! Hold it! We have just been informed that a Florida court has reversed a ruling overturning an earlier court ruling that upheld a previous ruling that rejected an appeal of a ruling that overturned an earlier reversal of an upheld rejection of the decision to count ballots marked only by a dot, which means that the year 2000 was ...

OK, to be honest, we're not sure what kind of year it was. We're not sure of anything any more, except that we never, ever, ever want to have another presidential election like this one. We think that everybody who had anything to do with this election, including the entire state of Florida, should be banned from the political process for life. We especially think that all the lawyers involved should be marooned on a desert island, surrounded by man-eating sharks, from which the only escape would be to build a raft out of severely dimpled chads.

But setting aside the Election from Hell, there were some bright spots in the year 2000:

- NASDAQ went deep into the toilet, which meant we heard a lot fewer stories about 22-year-old dot-com twerps making \$450 million for starting companies that never actually produced anything, except press releases.

- The federal budget surplus got so huge that experts believe it could take Congress as long as 18 months to blow the entire thing on comically unnecessary pork-barrel projects such as the Museum of Ketchup.

- Toward the end of the year, most people finally stopped thinking that it was clever to say "Is that your final answer?" and "Whassup!"

- You also heard almost nothing about Dennis Rodman.

- So on balance, we're feeling pretty uncertain, in an undecided kind of way, as we take a reflective look back at 2000, which began - as so many years seem to, lately - with ...

January

... which opens with the entire world braced for the impending Y2K disaster, a story that had received more media hype than global warming and Britney Spears (ital) combined, (nonital) with experts warning the public that the electricity could go out, planes could crash, the economy could collapse and renegade ATMs could roam the streets, viciously attacking pedestrians who were unable to remember their PINs.

As it turns out, the only technology that is actually affected by Y2K is the George Foreman Grill, which, at pre-

Dave Barry's YEAR IN REVIEW

(or, Hail to the Chad)

cisely midnight on New Year's Eve, suddenly starts adding fat to foods. Other than that, nothing bad happens, and on New Year's Day, all the "experts" admit that they were wrong, and refund all the money they received for giving flagrantly incorrect advice. And the Backstreet Boys win the Rose Bowl.

Meanwhile, the dawn of the 21st Century is celebrated around the world with extravaganzas in all the great cities, most notably Paris, which uses the Eiffel Tower as a framework for the most spectacular light show ever seen; London, which turns the Thames into a mighty river of fire; and Warsaw, which unveils the "Millennium Kielbasa" - a 1,900-foot-long sausage stuffed with more than 50,000 pounds of high explosive that, when detonated, causes chunks of smoked meat to rain down severely dimpled chads.

In other foreign news, Vladimir Putin takes over as president of Russia, replacing Boris Yeltsin, who is forced to resign on New Year's Eve when the Kremlin runs out of vodka. In his inaugural speech, Putin, a former KGB agent, pledges to work for international understanding and maintain peaceful relations with the United States "until we can refuel our missiles."

The United States turns ownership of the Panama Canal over to Panama. Maritime experts quickly become concerned when Panama, seeking to boost revenue by transforming the aging waterway into a Disney-style tourist attraction, installs a "log flume" section. Pieces of disintegrated freighters are soon washing ashore as far away as Costa Rica.

In South America, the War on Drugs, now entering its 30th successful year, gets a nice boost when the U.S. announces that it is giving \$1.3 billion more in aid to Colombia, which ducks into the bathroom eight times during the announcement ceremony.

February

... the presidential primary campaigns heat up as Al Gore, Bill Bradley, George W. Bush and John McCain sweep through New Hampshire, then hustle down to South Carolina, then blast out to Wisconsin, then race up to Michigan, then, as a result of a faulty compass,

charge deep into Canada, where, before discovering their error, they spend a combined \$43 million on TV attack ads and hold several debates, in which Bush repeatedly refers to Canadians as "the Canadish people," and Gore claims that he was born and raised in Montreal.

Meanwhile, Steve Forbes, who has spent untold millions of his own money in a hopelessly unrealistic quest for the presidency, finally comes to his senses and drops out of the race, declaring that he will now devote his energies full-time to becoming a power forward for the Los Angeles Lakers.

President Clinton, after working late many nights in the White House Situation Room, finally finishes building his legacy. He goes to sleep a happy man, only to discover, on awakening, that Buddy, the First Dog, has gotten hold of the legacy and chewed it beyond recognition.

On the financial front, in a chilling example of the growing menace of cyber-crim, unidentified hackers attack several major "e-business" websites, temporarily shutting them down,



and thus preventing them from losing money anywhere near as fast as usual. Meanwhile, the Dow Jones Industrial Average continues to slide, dipping below the 10,000 mark for the first time since April of 1999. This causes great concern everywhere except Palm Beach County, where election officials have the Dow pegged at 263,000 and "climbing like a rocket."

March

... George W. Bush and Al Gore clinch their parties' nominations, thanks to a

heartfelt outpouring of money from civic-minded special-interest groups responding to the candidates' calls for campaign finance reform. John McCain and Bill Bradley both drop out, with each man declaring his sincere support for the opponent he has spent the past several months likening to pond scum. Remaining in the presidential race are Ralph Nader, representing the Flush Your Vote Down the Toilet party, and Pat Buchanan, representing the asteroid belt.

President Clinton visits the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and, upon exiting, sets off an alarm. Guards discover a piece of FDR's legacy in one of the president's pockets. Nobody can figure out how the heck it got there.

In economic news, consumers voice increasing concern over rising gasoline prices, which have climbed to record



levels in almost every part of the nation except Palm Beach County, where election officials report that unleaded premium is selling for 14 cents a gallon.

In science, medical researchers announce that they have cloned a \$100 bill, and will no longer be dependent upon federal grants.

On Wall Street, the Dow plunges, then soars, then evens out for a little while, then - in a move that alarms many observers - briefly switches to degrees Fahrenheit.

April

The federal government's marathon antitrust case against Microsoft comes to an end when a federal judge finds the software giant guilty of being successful.

In what will prove to be a fatal ruling, the judge orders Microsoft to split into two smaller companies, one of which will continue to make the "Windows" operating system, and the other of which will immediately begin manufacturing Firestone tires. In response, the NASDAQ, for the first time in its history, closes at exactly equal to pi.

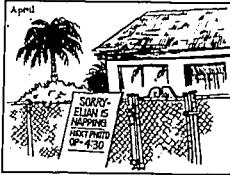
On the legacy front, President Clinton, with his official entourage of 3,500, flies to Tonga in hopes of brokered a historic peace agreement, only to discover that, tragically, Tonga is an isolated island nation that has not been at war with anybody for centuries. Tongan officials express regret, and

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promise to give Mr. Clinton a holler if they spot any hostile-looking canoes or anything.

May

... the presidential race heats up as George W. Bush proposes an idea that he came up with recently while reading an index card, which is to allow younger workers to take some of their Social Security money and, as the governor puts it, "investize in the stocks market or professional baseball teams



or whatever and thusly enjoy the labors of their fruits." Vice President Al Gore immediately criticizes this plan as a "risk scheme" that could result in "millions of dead senior citizens," which in turn "could impact global warming." Polls show that this is a hot-button issue with the public, with 50 percent of likely voters wishing they had two other candidates to choose from, and the other 50 percent agreeing.

In legacy action, President Clinton flies to Wales, where he holds high-level talks with a number of officials, only to be informed that they are members of his own entourage.

In medicine, the American Academy of Pediatrics reports that it has finally tracked down 7-year-old Matthew Parmogaster, believed to be the only remaining boy in the United States not being treated for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). A team of camouflage-wearing doctors is able to creep close enough to the youngster to bring him down with Ritalin-tipped blowgun darts.

In business news, United Airlines announces that it intends to purchase US Airways, a move that will enable United, in the words of its official statement, "to nearly double the number of daily flights that we cancel with warning."

June

... Vice President Gore unveils his own plan to save Social Security via a complex system of tax credits, grants, loans, stern lectures and mandatory home composting, which Gore would personally direct via a daily two-hour broadcast from the White House. Texas Gov. Bush, after being briefed



on the Gore plan by aides using hand puppets, dismisses it as "an unwarranted inclusion upon the whaddya-callit." Polls show many voters looking into Norwegian citizenship.

Fears are raised that U.S. security has been seriously breached when the Los Alamos National Laboratory discovers that it has lost its nuclear secrets. Laboratory officials express shock, noting that the secrets were kept in a special secure box tied shut with two pieces of string and clearly marked "nuclear secrets. Do not take!" Fortunately, the mystery is solved a few days later, when the secrets are discovered safe and sound in the home of a laboratory worker whose 8-year-old daughter, Amber, had taken them to her elementary school for a special "Show and Tell" session attended by the second through fourth grades and six special guests from China.

In weather news, the East Coast braces for what experts predict will be a busy hurricane season. Palm Beach County reports four feet of snow.

On a cultural note, the hugely popular TV show "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?" has its first million-dollar winner when Ohio man correctly answers Regis Philbin's final question: "What color is my tie?" (Answer: "The same color as your shirt.")

On the legal front, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announces a ban on molecules, which, according to an agency spokesperson "can join together and form chemicals." Meanwhile, an obviously testy U.S. Supreme Court, in an 8-1 ruling, orders Antonin Scalia to stop cracking his damn knuckles.

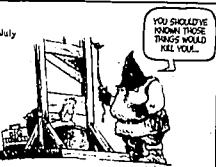
In a historic international development ending 50 years of Cold War hostility, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung meets with North Korean leader Kim Jong Il. They agree to a formal pact in which they agree to henceforth address each other as "Buddy," then flee, escaping a warm Bill Clinton embrace by mere seconds. On a sadder note, Syrian President Hafez Assad dies; in an official statement, Vice President Gore recalls that he and Assad "often raced camels together," while Gov. Bush extends "deepest sympathy for the widow, Mrs. President Syrian."

July

... begins with a stunning upset of the ruling party in the Mexican presidential election, which is won by underdog challenger Vicente Fox, aided by an unexpected 4.3 million votes from Palm Beach County.

In U.S. politics, George W. Bush meets with his top advisers, who inform him that, after careful consideration, he has selected, as his running mate, Dick "Dick" Cheney, thus balancing the ticket by including a person who speaks at least some English. Bush and Cheney are formally nominated at a convention in Philadelphia featuring a prominent display of minorities, some of whom — in a stark departure from GOP tradition — are not holding hors d'oeuvres trays. The convention is also marked by street demonstrations held by angry young people who hate capitalism and consumerism, and are determined to fight these evils until it's time to go back to college.

In legacy action, President Clinton,



desperate to forge a lasting Middle East peace, brings Yasser Arafat and Ehud Barak to Camp David. Finally, after two weeks of exhausting round-the-clock negotiations, the talks are broken off because neither man can remember what country he represents.

The U.S. missile-defense system suffers yet another setback during a much-publicized test when an interceptor missile, which is supposed to hit a mock warhead high over the Pacific Ocean, instead slams into the newly refurbished Washington Monument.

Military officials, seeking to put a positive spin on the mishap, note that the monument had "a very suspicious shape."

In domestic news, the South Carolina state Legislature, in a move that angers the state's traditionalists, votes to abolish slavery.

In cultural news, bookstores around the country are swamped with orders for the fourth Harry Potter book, "Buy This Book Or Your Children Will Hate You." U.S. profits total tens of millions of dollars, all of which will be paid to settle broomstick-elated lawsuits.

August

... Vice President Gore, in a historic move, selects as his running mate Sen. Joseph Lieberman, who is a member of the Jewish faith, which Gore co-founded. Lieberman boldly declares that he is in favor of God, and demonstrates this by demanding that the Hollywood community "stop making disgusting and immoral movies" but "please continue to give us money."

Lieberman is seen as a solid choice, but there is tension at the Democratic convention in Los Angeles, where the



Gore camp suspects that Bill Clinton is trying to hog the limelight. A Clinton staffer denies this, claiming that "security considerations" led to the decision to have the president enter the convention hall riding a chariot drawn by lions.

In other entertainment news, Monday Night Football debuts Dennis Miller, hired as a color commentator to

boost ratings. The first broadcast goes well, as Miller interacts well with play-by-play announcer Britney Spears.

In consumer news, owners of certain models of Firestone tires receive a troubling notice from the manufacturer urging them to "lock yourself in your bathroom immediately." Congress holds emergency hearings, but is unable to get testimony from Firestone tire designers, who are busy working on an improved new ballot for Palm Beach County.

The summer's surprise hit TV show, "Survivor," eliminates when the other contestants vote to elect, as the grand-prize winner, Richard Hatch, best known for walking around naked. Hours later, in what aides for each side claim is a coincidence, Al Gore and George W. Bush both hold "town hall" meetings in the nude.

September

... the Midwest is terrorized by a vicious outlaw gang that robs a string of banks by threatening to blow up Firestone tires on the tellers' cars.

But the real excitement occurs in the political arena, where Al Gore and George W. Bush spend much of the month sparring vigorously over the critical question — foremost on the minds of every American — of what will be the format for their debates.



Gore proposes a series of 17 debates, 15 of which would consist entirely of the vice president reading selected portions of his book "Earth in the Balance," soon to be released as a major motion picture featuring Alec Baldwin as an endangered species. The Bush camp counters with a proposal for one debate, to consist of a round of horseshoes, man to man, with no talking. The two sides finally settle on three debates: one in the standing format, one in the sitting format, and one with both candidates in a hot tub with Jim Lehrer.

Meanwhile, both Bush and Gore seek to impress the voters with their qualifications to hold the world's most powerful office by appearing on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "The Oprah Winfrey Show," "Judge Judy," "Sesame Street," "Gilligan's Island," "Scooby Doo" and — most notably — "Telebubbles" where Vice President Gore claims that he was the inspiration for Noo-Noo the magic vacuum cleaner, and Gov. Bush, in a controversial move, kisses Tinky Winky on the lips.

On the issues front, Gore proposes that the federal government reduce gas prices by releasing oil from the nation's strategic petroleum reserve, kept in giant salt domes in Louisiana. Despite opposition from Gov. Bush, who criticizes the plan as "an act of fragrant perspiration," President Clinton orders the release of 30 million barrels of oil. The joy of consumer groups soon turns to alarm as a 15-foot high wave of petroleum wipes out Baton Rouge. Everyone agrees this is no big loss.

In another consumer development, Kraft Foods voluntarily recalls millions of taco shells after discovering that some of them contained genetically altered corn. A Kraft spokesperson stresses that the tacos are "perfectly safe," provided that they are "handled properly" and "never allowed near children."

In legal news, the U.S. Justice Department, which has been holding Los Alamos physicist Wen Ho Lee in jail for 18 months after identifying him as a major atomic spy, announces that it has reduced the charges to two counts of improper parking. Also get good legal news are Bill and Hillary Clinton, who have a sigh of relief when the special prosecutor investigating Whitewater announces that, after years of investigation, he has "no earthly idea" what "Whitewater" is. The president declares that he is "proud and humbled to join the ranks of such big-legacy presidents as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy, who also were never indicted in connection with Whitewater."

The international highlight of September is the Summer Olympics, which were actually held in Australia in July but are just now reaching the United States. The delay results from the broadcast format chosen by NBC, which has decided to make the Olympics interesting to U.S. viewers by adding soundtracks, breaking away from the competition to show dramatic profiles, and using computers to digitally replace foreign athletes with popular NBC sitcom characters. The highlight of the games, without question, is the thrilling moment when — with the

entire Australian nation cheering as if with one voice — the women's 400-meter race is won by "Fraser" star Keisha Grammer.

October

... when the Middle East again erupts in violence, touched off when a sacred Jerusalem religious site is severely damaged by an errant interceptor missile being tested for the U.S. missile-defense system. The Pentagon blames the malfunction on the fact



that the missile "was, in violation of proper procedure, equipped with Firestone tires."

In another major international development, massive street protests in Yugoslavia force the resignation of President Slobodan Milosevic, who promises to "work toward a day when every Yugoslavian citizen has a pronounceable name." Milosevic, ending 13 years as a dictatorial thug, flees to the United States, where he takes a job in customer service. Meanwhile, the U.S. presidential campaign reaches a fever pitch as Al Gore and George W. Bush, both of them briefed to the point of incoherence, face off in their three debates.

When it's all over, observers agree that each man managed to clearly define himself as the owner of several dark suits. With the polls showing the race to be neck and neck, it becomes clear that the outcome will be determined by undecided voters who, to judge from their post-debate focus groups on network TV, have rock salt for brains. ("Dan, I'm concerned about health care, because I keep wandering into traffic.")

In sports, New York City goes nuts over the first "subway" World Series in 43 years, which is won in convincing fashion by the New York Mets, who, behind the strong relief putting of Tiger Woods, destroy the overpaid Yankees and their obviously arrogant fans. (If you disagree, write your own year in review.)

November

... the U.S. presidential campaign finally stumbles to what everyone believes is the finish line as millions of Americans go to the polls and, in the sacrosanct privacy of the voting booth, exercise the most cherished right of this glorious democracy: The right to screw up their ballots. Hints of trouble surface early in Palm Beach County, where many voters, asked to sign the voter rolls, write their names on floors,



here, we could have a situation where the person next in line for the presidency is Alexander Haze"). Every few minutes, around the clock, some court issues a historic ruling overturning a historic ruling issued only moments earlier by some other court. It quickly becomes impossible for anybody to keep track of the situation, as evidenced by an alarming incident involving a sleep-deprived judge in Garamba County, who, after failing a ballot-tampering case, issues a sloppily worded ruling in which he accidentally sentences himself to death. He is pardoned by Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, a move that is immediately challenged by Democratic lawyers, who argue that Gore clearly intended to pardon Al Gore.

In another memorable legal event, a truck travels from Miami to Tallahassee carrying a cargo of 800,000 tightly packed Miami-Dade County voters, every single one of whom testifies before Judge Sanders Sauls, who subsequently rules that his name can be rearranged to spell "Undress A Lass."

As the month wears on, the Gore legal team suffers a series of setbacks, both in terms of court verdicts and hair days, but the vice president remains upbeat and confident, according to sources within his inner circle of strategists, which has shrunk to Gore and an imaginary kangaroo named "Mister Woodies." Gore insists that he "will not prolong the election unnecessarily"; he makes this statement at the formal dedication of the new 50-story Tallahassee headquarters of the Al Gore Florida 2000 Election Lawsuit Institute.

Meanwhile, George W. Bush remains on his ranch, looking as presidential as he knows how. The ranch does not appear to have any plant or animal life; it's just a ranch where top Republicans sit around wearing ranch-style outfits and advising Bush on how, as the governor puts it, "have a smooth transmission."

His first big job is to select his cabinet, which, according to a spokesperson, will be "very diverse, including Americans from every segment of the oil industry." Bush is also briefed by foreign-policy experts, who show the governor a globe, then spend several hours explaining to him why the countries on the bottom don't fall off.

With all other legal options exhausted, the presidential election mess lands up back in the lap of the U.S. Supreme Court.

After several minutes of deliberation, the court issues a unanimous ruling — hailed by legal scholars as well as the public — that Florida must be given back to Spain.

Spain immediately files an appeal. Happy New Year.

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WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS

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ORTON-FLUCKIGER

HEYBURN — Berkeley and Kelly Orton of Heyburn announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Orton, to Greg Fluckiger, son of Alan and Diane Fluckiger of Springdale.

Orton is a 1998 graduate of the American Heritage Academy in Burley and has been attending Ricks College in Rexburg. Fluckiger is a 1997 graduate of American Heritage Academy. He served an LDS mission to the Washington D.C. South Mission and is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho.

The wedding is planned for Thursday at the Bountiful LDS



Greg Fluckiger and Jennifer Orton

Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Heyburn LDS Church, 530 Villa Drive.

SHERER-

HENKELMAN

TWIN FALLS — Jerry and Glenn Sherer of Twin Falls announced the engagement of their daughter, Dottie Sherer, to Chad Henkelman, son of Conrad and Sharon Henkelman of Twin Falls.

Sherer graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1997 and the College of Southern Idaho in 1999.

She is currently attending Boise State University, where she is majoring in bilingual education.

Henkelman graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1991



Dottie Sherer and Chad Henkelman

and CSI in 1994. He is currently employed at Blip Printers.

The wedding is planned for June 2, 2001.

The couple will reside temporarily in Twin Falls.

SCHOFIELD-EGBERT

TWIN FALLS — R. Lani and Kathy Schofield announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna Kathleen Schofield, to Curtis Wayne Egbert, son of Merl and Kathleen Egbert of Twin Falls.

Schofield is a 1999 graduate of Castlegard High School and is currently attending the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Crowley's The Quad bookstore in Twin Falls.

Egbert is a 1997 graduate of Twin Falls High School. He served a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Chile Santiago South Mission.

He is employed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center



Curtis Egbert and Anna Schofield

and is attending CSI.

The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception will be held from 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls 9th Ward LDS Church, 2700 Elizabeth Blvd.

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She really only loves his grammar

DEAR ABBY: There is a girl at work I really like. She is not only physically attractive, but her interests are also similar to mine.

Recently we had lunch together. I gave her a rose and a card with a short message telling her how terrific she is. She read the card after we had our lunch, and the next day I asked her what she thought of it. She told me she "loved it" and complimented me on my spelling and grammar.

I really like her, but she recently ended a long-time relationship, and I don't want to put her on the spot. How can I find out if she likes me as more than a friend, without hurting our existing friendship?

- IN LOVE ON LONG ISLAND

DEAR IN LOVE: She has already conveyed an important message. Since she commented only on your spelling and grammar — and not the message in the

DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

note you sent her — she's interested only in a platonic relationship.

DEAR ABBY: Because of a serious illness that resulted from taking a certain medication, I recently received a settlement of more than a million dollars. I have invested most of the money, and have a cash flow sufficient to take care of emergencies and a few luxuries. I must make sure that these funds will cover medical expenses for the remainder of my life.

Ever since I received the settlement, my family (children, parents and siblings) think I'm very rich and that my money is their

money, too. They constantly ask me to bail them out of one financial mess or another, to buy them luxury items. I have helped them out of tight spots in the past, but they have always squandered their money and have never saved a dime for the future.

I go to bed each night sick to my stomach because of the guilt trips they put me through when I refuse their requests for money. They expect me to pay for everything. Abby, am I being selfish?

- S.F. IN COLORADO

DEAR S.F.: No, you are being prudent. Instead of giving them money, encourage your relatives to enroll in credit counseling or money-management courses offered at many colleges. Remember the adage: "Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he'll eat for

life." Continually bailing out family members is doing them no favor. Take care of your own needs and let them take care of theirs.

DEAR ABBY: I thought maybe your readers would be interested in something I thought of the other day. At one minute and one second after 1 o'clock in the morning on Jan. 1, 2001, the numbers will look like this: 01:01:01, 01/01/01. It won't happen again for 1,000 years! Pretty cool, huh?

- CHRISTY DAY,
MOBILE, ALA.

DEAR CHRISTY: Way cool, and a new beginning.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS: Happy New Year! While enjoying New Year's Eve festivities, please remember: If you drink, don't drive; if you drive, don't drink!

Tie the knot on the Web with these hints

The Baltimore Sun

Townsend's office. "I'm sure Elvis was tuning in, from wherever he was, to watch it."

Elvis's wife, a research assistant at the Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies, "I thought that the whole idea would be a funny way to start off life together. Elvis had some interesting additional vows for us, too. We had to promise to adopt each other's hound dogs."

Marriage ceremonies conducted by Elvis impersonators have been around Las Vegas as long as white jumpsuits, but it wasn't until a few months ago that they extended to cyberspace.

Webcasts, which are essentially video broadcasts transmitted over the Internet, are becoming hot items in Las Vegas marriage studios.

Since elopements to Vegas are common, the Webcasts give couples a conciliatory way to let family and friends watch from afar and afar might be best location, considering the uh, nontraditional nature of many

wedding extravaganzas.

"We've been doing the Webcasts for about four months, and the response has been overwheming," said Ron DeCar, owner of the Villa Las Vegas Villas, where the Brennans were married. "For the people who don't want to come here, or can't, the Webcast gives them a chance to see it all happen."

DeCar's villas offer a variety of themed weddings. If you don't like Elvis, try a gangster wedding, complete with gun molls

and a Godfather officiating.

Or try an intergalactic union, where Star Trek's Mr. Spock bams in to officiate.

If you're into the past, you can visit the Camelot Villas and get married by King Arthur and Merlin.

DeCar said he got the idea for the business while working as an Elvis impersonator. "I lived in a white jumpsuit for several years, and I decided to create an Elvis theme wedding, and it just jumped off from there."

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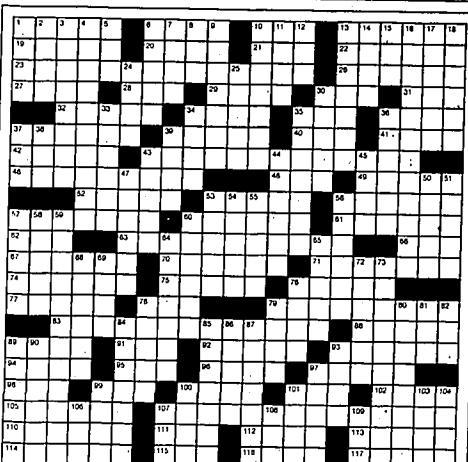
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Be it resolved — here are some New Year's resolutions for 2001

The new year is upon us. Tomorrow it will be 2001. Already Y2K, about which many worried needlessly, is behind us, and we have survived it with little undue stress.

It might behoove us all to sit down and give some thought to the year that has just passed. What did we do that we were proud of? What did we do that brought us shame? How could we have been better parents, grandparents, relatives, friends or neighbors?

Could we have been a little less selfish and a little more selfless? Could we have helped those in need more? Could we have given more to our schools, our church, our communities?

It is easy to say we didn't have the time, and, indeed, time passes all too quickly as we hurry through our lives. Yet time is all that is demanded in many cases, and surely we can spare some for the betterment of our loved ones, neighbors and friends.

New Year's Resolutions are common at this time of year —



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"I'm going to lose weight," "I'm going to quit smoking," "I'm going to exercise more," and on and on.

Most of these well-intentioned resolutions go unresolved. We most often put off things that cause us the least bit of discomfort, whether or not they are necessary for our health.

We all have great intentions, but the follow-through just makes us hungry or desperate or tired before we even get started. They say it takes six weeks to make an action a habit, and how many of us want to give up six weeks of our lives for anything? But how little time six weeks truly is in our entire life span.

If we cannot follow through

with personal resolutions, can we follow through on resolutions to help others? Yet what a difference that can make to many lives, and what a difference it can make in our own.

It is difficult to be self-less — to give of yourself even when it is inconvenient, difficult and, hardest of all, when no one gives you credit for your efforts. Yet our life can make a great difference in many lives, and we should all give considerable thought as to what our lives can mean for others.

Let us make this the year to be more caring, more loving, more kind — to be willing to make a greater effort to give of our time to help those whose lives need only the touch of human-kindness to make a difference in those lives. The saying "The good you do comes back to you" is not just a saying, but a fact.

Happy New Year!

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Service protects abuse, neglect victims

Q. After their retirement 15 years ago, my parents moved from their home in the Midwest to the South. My mother died two years ago, and Dad (now 80) decided to stay and live by himself. Since I live on the West Coast and my sister in the Northeast, and we both have families, we are lucky to be able to get together once or twice a year. We try to call a couple of times each week to check on him.

When we were unable to get Dad on the phone, we became frantic and finally learned that he had been taken into the custody of "adult protective services" because of neglect. We knew Dad was still sad about our mother's death, but when we last saw him he was able to drive and get around pretty well. We tried to have him come back and live with us, but he refused. He also refused to sign any power of attorney for us.

When I arrived, I was shocked at his almost emaciated condition, the filth in his house and the sores on his body. My wife and I are trying to take Dad home with us, but he is in the custody of the state and is in a nursing home. What can my sister and I do?

A. "Adult protective services" is a group of services provided



NEXT STEPS
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by each state. They are designed to help vulnerable elderly people who are victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation. In the case of imminent danger, state laws provide for certain types of emergency intervention, which include taking the vulnerable adult into custody. Various agencies are involved in the investigation, reporting and prosecution of such cases.

Generally, state vulnerable adult and protective services laws target not only physical and psychological abuse, but also financial exploitation and failure to care for the elderly.

Where as here, your father was apparently in danger of malnutrition and illness and either unable or unwilling to seek medical care, adult protective services deter-

mined to take custody of your father as part of an emergency intervention. Depending on where your father lives, these protective proceedings may take place in either the family court or probate court.

While public policy demands these problems be dealt with, there are many competing and difficult questions, which include not only making sure your father is protected from neglect but also giving respect for his independence.

Where emergency proceedings are instituted, hearings must be held within a short time. Since you are being questioned about possible neglect, your interests and his are divergent. We suggest you immediately hire an attorney to represent you. A guardian ad litem and attorney should be appointed for your father. Your problem points up the need for families separated by distance to consider using geriatric-care managers who can visit and report on elderly parents and relatives.

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Demographic changes affect support plan

Knight Ridder News Service

Q. I've been reading and hearing about saving Social Security and how demographic shifts are driving the need for changes in Social Security. Can you explain this to me?

A. Increasing life expectancies and decreasing birth rates are resulting in an older population, which in turn puts pressure on the Social Security system. Improvements in life expectancy have allowed retirees to receive benefits for longer periods. In addition, 77 million baby boomers will also begin retiring

Social Security Q & A

about 2010, and in about 30 years, there will be nearly twice as many older Americans as there are today. At the same time, the ratio of retirees to workers is expected to decline from the current about three workers per retiree to two workers per retiree.

Q. I'm going to need to get a Social Security number for my 3-month-old baby so I can list her as a dependent on my tax

returns. How do I get a Social Security number?

A. To get an original or replacement Social Security card, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. The best times to call to avoid peak telephone traffic are later in the week and the second half of the month.

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